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**GUEST SPEAKER: LAURENCE BUSCHING**  
**ACS Deputy Director Commissioner for Youth and Juvenile Justice**

Laurence Busching is the ACS Deputy Director Commissioner for Youth and Juvenile Justice. He oversees all of DJJ's programs that include the custody and care of juveniles who are involved in the City's juvenile justice system. He is also responsible for Children's Services' Juvenile Justice Initiative (JJI), and the ACS-operated Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) program – for youth under 18 who are beyond the lawful control of a parent.

As Chief of the Family Court Division of the New York City Law Department since January, 2005, Mr. Busching has been responsible for the prosecution of juveniles throughout New York City as well as for the enforcement of interstate child support orders. These matters specifically include the prosecution of juvenile crime with a focus on criminal rehabilitation. He also directs and administers a division comprising 90 attorneys and a support staff of 60.

From 1990-2004, Mr. Busching served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. In 2004, he was made Chief of the Family Violence and Child Abuse Bureau, where he supervised the investigation and prosecution of thousands of domestic violence and child abuse cases annually. He also served as Chair of the state District Attorneys Association's committee on sex crimes and family violence legislation.