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JOHN J. FARMER, JR.

Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics; University Professor of Law; Justice Alan B. Handler Scholar; Director, Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience

Farmer was appointed Eagleton Institute director in September 2019 and continues his leadership of the Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience (CPR), which is housed at and affiliated with Eagleton and Rutgers Law School. He has led the Miller Center since its original inception as the Faith-Based Communities Security Program in 2015.



Farmer's career has spanned service in high-profile government appointments, private practice in diverse areas of criminal law, and teaching and law school administration. Farmer began his career as a law clerk to Associate Justice Alan B. Handler of the New Jersey Supreme Court. He worked as an associate at Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP before joining the Office of the U.S. Attorney in Newark, where he received the U.S. Attorney General's Special Achievement Award for Sustained Superior Performance in 1993.

Farmer joined the administration of New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman in 1994, serving as assistant counsel, deputy chief counsel, and then chief counsel. From 1999-2002 he was New Jersey's attorney general. From 2003-2004, as senior counsel and team leader for the 9/11 Commission, Farmer led the investigation of the country's preparedness for and response to the terrorist attacks and was a principal author of the Commission's final report. His book, *The Ground Truth: The Story Behind America's Defense on 9/11*, was named a *New York Times* notable book. Farmer was a partner at K&L Gates and in 2007 became a founding partner of the law firm Arseneault, Whipple, Farmer, Fassett and Azzarello, LLP.

In addition to his law practice, in 2008 he served as senior advisor to General James Jones, special envoy for Middle East regional security, on development of the rule of law in the Palestinian Authority territory, and was invited by the U.S. Embassy in Armenia to assist that nation's legislative commission in investigating widespread violence and unrest following its elections.

He was recruited to become dean of Rutgers School of Law-Newark in 2009, and served in that capacity until April 2013, when he was asked to complete his deanship contract by serving as senior vice president and general counsel of Rutgers University. He was named General Counsel of the Year for 2013 by the New Jersey Business and Industry Association. In 2011 he served as counsel to the commission that redrew New Jersey's legislative districts and, later that year, was appointed the independent, tie-breaking member of the commission charged with developing a new map of New Jersey's congressional districts. Farmer was also the co-principal investigator on a \$1.95 million dollar grant from U.S. Intelligence agencies to develop programs that prepare professionals to work in intelligence and national security positions.

Farmer served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct from 2007-2014, and as the compliance monitor, from 2008-2014, of a National Security Agreement entered into with the federal government by Alcatel and Lucent Technologies upon their merger.

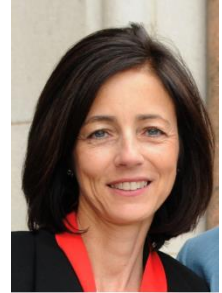
In 2012, Farmer received the Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. Award from the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey and the Distinguished Public Service Award from Leadership New Jersey. In 2014, he received the Thurgood Marshall Award from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. In 2015, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the *New Jersey Law Journal*.

Farmer received B.A. and J.D. degrees from Georgetown University

MADLINE COX ARLEO

United States District Judge, District of New Jersey (1986 Fellow)

On November 21, 2014, President Barack Obama appointed Madeline Cox Arleo to serve as a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, where she currently serves in Newark, NJ. Prior to that, she served as a federal Magistrate Judge for fourteen years. She also serves as Presiding Judge of the District's reentry court known as "ReNew" which provides intensive supervision and support to individuals released from federal incarceration, with the goal of reducing recidivism and helping her participants rebuild their lives.



Judge Arleo is a life-long New Jerseyan. She was born in Jersey City. She received her bachelor's degree in English and Political Science from Rutgers College, Rutgers University, in New Brunswick, NJ, and her master's degree in Politics and American Government from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University. While an undergrad at Rutgers, she worked as a bartender at the College Avenue campus pub, known then as the Rusty Screw Tavern. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Seton Hall University School of Law, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review. She served as law clerk from 1989-90 to the Honorable Marie L. Garibaldi, a Hudson County native, and first female Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Prior to her appointment to the Bench, Judge Arleo was a litigation partner at Tompkins, McGuire, Wachenfeld & Barry in Newark, NJ. Before that, she was associated with the law firm of Clapp & Eisenberg, in Newark, NJ. While in practice, she served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Seton Hall Law School and as Secretary to the District V-A Ethics Committee.

Presently, Judge Arleo is a Fellow of the American Bar Association, an Advisor to the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and to the Association of the Federal Bar for the District of New Jersey and honorary gala chair for the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association. She serves on the Paralegal Studies Advisory Board at Montclair State University. She served on the Board of Trustees of her alma mater, St. Dominic Academy, Jersey City, from 2006-2012 and presently serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of its sister school, Mount St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell, New Jersey. She is a member of Notre Dame Parish in North Caldwell, where she served for many years on its finance council. She is a frequent speaker for continuing education seminars for various bar associations in New Jersey.

Judge Arleo lives in Caldwell, New Jersey with her husband, Frank Arleo, a partner at Arleo and Donohue, West Orange, New Jersey. She has two adult children, Alexandra, 23 and Peter, 20. She is also a Rutgers basketball fan.

GUILLERMO ARTILES

Partner and Government Affairs Chair, McCarter & English; former Associate Counsel, Governor Murphy (2012 Fellow)

Guillermo C. Artiles focuses his practice on government affairs and complex business litigation. He advocates for clients across multiple industries, including telecom-munications, technology, healthcare, education, energy, advertising, and fintech.

Guillermo chairs the Government Affairs practice, and leads the firm's Cannabis Group. As a registered Government Affairs Agent in New Jersey, Guillermo helps clients achieve their governmental, media, and business development objectives. As a former federal law clerk, Guillermo also provides local counsel expertise to clients involved in Hatch-Waxman and other complex litigation in the United States District Court of New Jersey.



Most recently, Guillermo served as Associate Counsel to Governor Philip D. Murphy, where he gained in-depth regulatory experience. In Governor Murphy's front office, Guillermo handled legislative initiatives, overseeing a portfolio of departments and agencies that included Treasury, Banking & Insurance, Transportation, Economic Development, Environmental Protection, Motor Vehicle, and the Board of Public Utilities. Guillermo also handled appointments in Counsel's Office and oversaw the Governor's vetting process for judicial and prosecutorial candidates across the State.

Active in state and national politics, Guillermo is currently involved in the Joe Biden for President campaign. He serves on the national campaign team as a Lawyers for Biden Finance Council National Co-Chair, and is also the Co-Chair of Jersey for Joe and Founder of Jersey Lawyers for Joe.

Previously, Guillermo served as Corporate Counsel at Greenskies Renewable Energy, the largest commercial and industrial solar energy developer in the United States.

Guillermo received his J.D. from Rutgers Law School, where he was the Articles Editor for Rutgers Law Review and a B.A. from Hamilton College in government. After law school, Guillermo served as a law clerk to the Honorable Esther Salas, United States District Judge, District of New Jersey. During law school, Guillermo worked in the Intergovernmental Affairs Group of Governor Chris Christie, as the Governor's Executive Fellow from Rutgers University's Eagleton Institute of Politics.

In the community, Guillermo serves and has served as Trustee of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, Deputy Regional President of the Hispanic National Bar Association, Board Member of the New Jersey Legal & Education Empowerment Project, Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Cuban American Alliance for Leadership & Education, Waterfront Project, Cuba Study Group, and Full Court Peace.

TAMARA BRITT

Vice President, General Counsel, and Chief of Staff to the President at Manhattan College (2009 Fellow)

Tamara J. Britt is Vice President, General Counsel, and Chief of Staff to the President at Manhattan College. Ms. Britt is responsible for providing strategic guidance and advice on a comprehensive range of strategic planning, legal, policy, procedural, operational, governmental relations, and compliance issues at the College. In this role, she is also charged with leading the operationalization of select strategic initiatives and process improvement related to the overall management and operation of the College.



Ms. Britt is a former associate general counsel at Rutgers University and counsel to the Rutgers University Foundation. Prior to assuming the Rutgers position, Ms. Britt was a practicing attorney with Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP where she had responsibility for a broad range of matters, including work with multinational corporations on regulatory, governance, compliance, bankruptcy, and white-collar defense issues. While at Cleary, she dedicated her skills and experience to low-income individuals on a pro bono basis in bankruptcy and housing court proceedings, and was active in providing legal services to non-profit organizations in NYC. Before earning her law degree, Ms. Britt held various roles in nonprofit management and higher education.

Ms. Britt has co-authored several articles: *Guide to Human Research Subject Protections Laws in West Africa*, published in the Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics; *At the Border Your Laptop is Wide-Open*, published in The National Law Journal; and *Why Financial Statements Matter: Enforcement and Litigation Implications*, published in The Banking Law Journal. Ms. Britt is an adjunct professor at Rutgers School of Law (Higher Education Law) and Manhattan College where she teaches Professional Ethics (MBA program). Ms. Britt is a Trustee of the New Jersey Bar Foundation and is a member of the Alumni Advisory Council of Cleary Gottlieb.

Ms. Britt received her B.A. from Hampton University; an M.P.A. from George Washington University; and a J.D. from Rutgers University, where she was an editor of the Rutgers Law Review and an Eagleton Institute of Politics Fellow. She is a member of the New York and New Jersey Bars and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for New Jersey and the Southern District of New York.

PERRY FARHAT

Assistant U.S. Attorney Government Fraud Unit, District of New Jersey; former Assistant Prosecutor, Somerset County (2015 Fellow)

Perry currently serves as an Assistant United States Attorney (“AUSA”) at the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey (“DNJ”). Perry is assigned to the Government Fraud Unit, where he prosecutes white collar crimes, including tax fraud, bank fraud, wire and mail fraud, money laundering, among other federal offenses.



Perry also serves as the Office’s LGBTQ Special Emphasis Program Manager and the Stolen Identity Refund Fraud Coordinator.

Prior to serving as AUSA, Perry prosecuted a wide range of criminal cases at the Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office. While there, Perry was selected to participate in a one-year detail as a Special Assistant United States Attorney, where he served in DNJ’s Public Protection Unit.

Before his posts prosecuting for the state and federal governments, Perry clerked for the Honorable Deborah Silverman Katz, A.J.S.C., in Camden, New Jersey.

Perry is a graduate of Rutgers Law School–Camden, where he was honored to participate as a Governor’s Executive Fellow at the Eagleton Institute of Politics. While attending law school, Perry also held internships at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Trenton, New Jersey; the Office of Regional Counsel at the Environmental Protection Agency in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Cooper’s Ferry Partnership in Camden, New Jersey.

Perry also earned a Master of Regional and City Planning from Boston University. While in Boston, he served as an outreach and advocacy coordinator with the Boston Redevelopment Authority, where he gained a deep passion for poverty alleviation and community safety and development.

Perry obtained a Bachelor of Arts from Rutgers University–New Brunswick.