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**Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul**

## **Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul Announces Senior Appointments to Incoming Administration**

Albany, NY - Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul today announced senior appointments to her incoming administration, with Karen Persichilli Keogh to be appointed Secretary to the Governor and Elizabeth Fine to be appointed Counsel to the Governor.

"Karen Persichilli Keogh and Elizabeth Fine bring the depth of knowledge, leadership, and experience that it will take to meet the challenges New Yorkers face," **said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul.** "As Governor, I will assemble a strong team to turn the corner on the pandemic and serve the best interests of New York, whether it's defeating COVID, getting more people vaccinated, or strengthening our economy."

### **Karen Persichilli Keogh**

**Karen Persichilli Keogh** brings over two decades of operational and managerial experience to the incoming administration. For seven years, she served on then-Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's senior staff as New York State Director and campaign manager for her successful 2006 Senate re-election. Ms. Keogh managed the then-Senator's statewide staff, played a vital role in the aftermath of 9/11, including health funding for first responders, and fought to keep military bases open across New York State, including Fort Drum in Jefferson County, New York.

She managed U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's transition from the House of Representatives to the U.S. Senate and served as a senior political advisor to Mayor Michael Bloomberg's 2009 campaign. She most recently served as the Head of Global Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase & Co., where she managed \$2

billion in global philanthropic investments. She joined JPMorgan Chase in 2010 as Managing Director and Head of State and Local Government Relations.

Ms. Keogh was born and raised on Long Island (Nassau County) and received her Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Stony Brook University and her Master's degree in Clinical Industrial Social Work from Columbia University. She and her husband live in Brooklyn and are so proud of their beautiful daughter Jessica.

### **Elizabeth Fine**

**Elizabeth Fine** is Executive Vice-President and General Counsel of Empire State Development (ESD), New York's economic development agency. As chief legal officer of ESD, she is responsible for all aspects of legal representation, guidance, and policies for the state's principal infrastructure and business development entity. She has a long career in public service at the federal, state, and local level. She served as General Counsel of the New York City Council from 2006-2014. She was responsible for all aspects of legal representation for Council and Speaker. Previously, during seven years at the U.S. Justice Department, she was Counsel to Attorney General Janet Reno, and Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Policy, among other roles. She served as Special Counsel to the President in the Clinton White House in 1993 and was a counsel to the Clinton-Gore campaign. She began her career as Counsel to the House Judiciary Committee, working on intellectual property and prison oversight. Ms. Fine is a graduate of Brown University (B.A.), New York University School of Law (J.D.), and Georgetown Law School (L.L.M).

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