

As Commissioner of Probation, Rocco A. Pozzi is responsible for directing the activities of the Westchester County Department of Probation and services provided by a large number of probation officers and correspondingly large administrative and clerical force, totaling two hundred and forty eight employees. He is also a cabinet member and advisor to the County Executive on probation and related criminal justice issues. Mr. Pozzi is responsible for establishing and administering policies and procedures for the effective operations of probation services in the County in accordance with established laws and regulations. He develops and implements strategic prevention and intervention programs designed to enhance community protection service to the courts and victims, rehabilitation of problem youth, families and criminal offenders. In addition to serving as Commissioner of Probation for Westchester County since July 10, 1989, Mr. Pozzi, from January 1, 1998 to August 4, 2008, also served as Commissioner of Correction. Under the general direction of the County Executive planned, directed, coordinated and evaluated all programs and activities of the Westchester County Department of Correction. In accordance with federal, state and local laws, Mr. Pozzi formulated and implemented goals and objectives for the efficient operation of the department. Mr. Pozzi began his professional career as a Probation Officer in 1973 with the Philadelphia County Adult Probation Department. He advanced through the ranks to Deputy Chief Probation Officer, a position he held from 1985 until he came to Westchester in 1989. In this capacity, he directed the Field Services component numbering two hundred professional and clerical employees. Mr. Pozzi is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and of Temple University with a Master's Degree in Public Administration with emphasis on Judicial Administration. He has participated in numerous professional training programs sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections and has also completed a course study for Senior Executives and State and Local Governments at Harvard University. Mr. Pozzi is a Past President of the American Probation and Parole Association; Past President of the Council of Probation Administrators; Past President of the National Association of Probation Executives; and, appointed by Governor George Pataki to the New York State Probation Commission July 1997, where he still serves as a member. Mr. Pozzi is recipient of the following awards: 1999 Executive of the Year Award from the National Association of Probation Executives, the 1999 Adelante Award from the Westchester Hispanic Law Enforcement Association, the 2000 Walter Dunbar Memorial Award from the American Probation and Parole Association, the 2002 John Augustus Award from the New York State Council of Probation Administrators, the 2002 Government Service Award from the Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc., and the 2005 George M. Keiser Award for Exceptional Leadership from the National Association of Probation Executives. In April 2006, Mr. Pozzi and the Westchester County Probation Department were recognized by the National Highway Association for outstanding public service concerning the supervision of DWI offenders. In October of 2006, Mr. Pozzi was once again recognized by the Westchester Hispanic Law Enforcement Association for advancing the hiring and promotion of Hispanic law enforcement officers in the Department of Correction. He is the only two time recipient of this award.