

**2014 Senior Citizens' Police & Fire Advocate  
Information & Resource Conference  
Speaker Bios**

**RI Attorney General Peter Kilmartin**

Mr. Peter Kilmartin earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Roger Williams University and later earned his Juris Doctorate at Roger Williams University School of Law.

In 1984, Mr. Kilmartin enrolled in the Police Academy. For 24 years, he served his community as a member of the Pawtucket Police Department, starting as an Officer on patrol, working his way up to becoming the Officer in Charge of Prosecutions and retiring as Captain.

Mr. Kilmartin also served as a State Representative for 20 years. As a State Representative, Mr. Kilmartin helped pass laws that protect children from predators, created a witness protection program, ban texting while driving, keep alcohol out of cars, put an end to pension abuses, strengthen domestic violence penalties and force health insurance companies to cover reconstructive surgery for women following breast cancer mastectomies.

Peter Kilmartin was elected the 73<sup>rd</sup> Attorney General of Rhode Island on November 4, 2010. To address the issues of patient and elder abuse and exploitation, Attorney General Kilmartin worked with the General Assembly to craft an aggressive legislative package that gives law enforcement and prosecutors the tools they need to effectively go after those who physically abuse and financially exploit elders. With the support of the sponsors and the leadership of the House and Senate, the General Assembly passed three important pieces of legislation that address critical needs to protect this vulnerable population.

First, the General Assembly passed and the Governor signed legislation that requires national criminal records checks for all persons applying to be a routine contact employee in a long-term care facility or provider.

A second bill passed allows the release of patient records for investigation and prosecution if a health care provider believes that an elder patient is being or has been physically, psychologically, or sexually abused, neglected, or exploited. It allows for the reporting of such abuse to the appropriate law enforcement personnel and to the Division of Elderly Affairs.

Finally, the General Assembly passed Attorney General Kilmartin's bill that increases the statute of limitations for elder exploitation from three years to ten years.

## Roger R. Demers

Roger R. Demers is a Special Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit for the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General. He has been in this position for over eight years and a prosecutor for over fifteen years. He has lectured on crimes against the elderly for law enforcement and other attorneys. In addition to elder abuse cases, Mr. Demers prosecutes a variety of felony matters, including homicides and other capital offenses.

Mr. Demers graduated *cum laude* from Roger Williams University School of Law in 1997, where he was a member of the Law Review. He received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Vermont in 1991.

## Lori A. Tellier, CPA, CFE

Lori A. Tellier is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Providence College, majoring in Accounting.

Ms. Tellier worked in public accounting for three years at the former Ernst & Whinney. Subsequently, she was the Director of Internal Audit and Assistant Vice President at a local financial institution.

With the onset of the State's banking crisis in 1991, Ms. Tellier began working at the RI Department of Attorney General as an investigator, assisting in the examination of several closed institutions. During her tenure there, she assisted in the compilation of Attorney General Pine's Resource Guide for Senior Citizens, *Solutions for Seniors*. After seven years working under Attorney Generals James O'Neil and Jeffrey Pine, she went to work for the State Police as an investigator in the Financial Crimes Unit. Ms. Tellier has been with the State Police for over sixteen years. She has been qualified as an expert witness in the RI Superior Court.

## John Clarkson

Mr. Clarkson was a Police Officer with the City of Pawtucket Police Department for 23 years, attaining the rank of Detective Lieutenant. In this capacity, Mr. Clarkson was responsible for the oversight of the Detective Division for seven years, retiring in 2004. He then went to work for the Pawtucket Credit Union as the Assistant Vice President of Security and Fraud.

Mr. Clarkson received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University; has a Security Fraud Expert Certification from the Credit Union National Association; and is a member of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators.