

## Governor's Office

### Lincoln Chafee

#### *Governor*



Linc Chafee is a proud Rhode Islander, born and raised in Warwick. He graduated with a degree in Classics from Brown University, where he received the Francis M. Driscoll Award for leadership, scholarship and athletics. After graduating, he worked for seven years as a blacksmith at harness racetracks throughout the United States and Canada. When he returned to Rhode Island, inspired by the path of his father John Chafee, he entered politics. He won election in 1985 as a delegate to the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention, and went on to serve four years on the Warwick City Council, nearly four two-year terms as Mayor of Warwick, and seven years as United States Senator. After leaving the US Senate, he disaffiliated from the Republican Party and became an Independent. He spent two years as Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies, during which he wrote *Against the Tide: How a Compliant Congress Empowered a Reckless President*.

On November 2nd, 2010, with the help of an excellent campaign staff and a strong community of supporters, Linc was elected the first independent Governor of our state. He is honored to serve as your next Governor and optimistic about forging a new way forward for Rhode Island!

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#### A Lively Experiment in Gov 2.0

Governor Chafee has begun a lively experiment in soliciting ideas and feedback from Rhode Islanders. Click below to enter our Government Ideas Forum and share your thoughts on this week's topic.

<http://chafee.uservoice.com>



### Patrick A. Rogers

#### *Chief of Staff and Executive Counsel in the Governor's office*

Rogers, 45, worked in the U.S. Senate office of the governor-elect's father, the late John H. Chafee, between 1989-94, working on banking issues for him during Rhode Island's infamous credit-union collapse. A graduate of La Salle Academy, Holy Cross and Catholic University Law School, Rogers has been an East Providence councilman and Municipal Court judge. He is the Coventry town solicitor and a business lawyer at Edwards Angell Palmer and Dodge.

### Stephen Hourahan

#### *Senior Advisor to the Governor*



Hourahan, 52, was AIDS Action Council's first director of development in Washington in 1989. At the time, the federal government largely ignored the epidemic. And AIDS Action was the first national HIV/AIDS organization. After leaving AIDS Action, Hourahan served as an APRI board member and remained in that position until 1993. The organization presented him with its Richard Katzoff Leadership Award in 2008. Additionally, he was an active member of the Nantucket AIDS Network board, helping to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for HIV/AIDS housing, prevention and care. "I really feel passionately about this issue," Hourahan told EDGE. "It's something I care about a great deal. I know firsthand what HIV is all about." APRI merged with Providence-based

Family Service of Rhode Island in 2008. The organization is now billed as a division of Family Service, which provides housing, mental health counseling, and other services to families and children across the state.

### Jamia R. McDonald

#### *Deputy Chief of Staff*

Governor-elect Lincoln D. Chafee has chosen to keep Republican Governor Carcieri's deputy chief of staff Jamia R. McDonald in that role when he takes the helm in early January.

Before her appointment as deputy chief of staff in February, McDonald headed the Office of Economic Recovery and Reinvestment that oversaw Rhode Island's spending of federal stimulus dollars, and before that as chief of staff in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

Earlier, she was director of business and technology for the Springfield, Mass., Police Department, and before moving to New England, she held a number of positions in Chicago city government under Mayor Richard Daley, including: deputy chief of staff for finance and administration in the mayor's office; managing deputy commissioner and acting commissioner, Department of Buildings; assistant to the mayor and special projects coordinator/fellowship director. She holds a BA from Western Illinois University and JD from the John Marshall Law School.

**Michael Trainor**

***Director of Communications***

Trainor, 62, of Barrington graduated from Providence College with a degree in political science, and from the University of Rhode Island with a master's degree in public administration. He was one of the founding partners in the RDW Group, once known as Rivers Trainor Doyle & Walsh, He left there to form Trainor Branding & Communications, and later Genesis Communications.

**Brian M. Daniels**

***Director of Policy in the Governor's office***

Daniels previously worked for seven years in the Washington office of Congressman Jim Langevin, initially as Legislative Assistant and then, from 2002-2008, as Legislative Director. Prior to joining Langevin's office, Daniels served as Legislative Correspondent, Systems Administrator and Staff Assistant in former Congressman Robert Weygand's Washington office. Daniels earned a BA, magna cum laude, from Duke and an MBA from the Yale School of Management. While at Yale, Daniels worked with the Economic Development Corporation of New Haven as the Yale President's Public Service Fellow. A Warwick native, he currently resides in Providence.

**Joseph K. Alston**

**Legal Counsel**

Joseph K. "Kenny" Alston, '98, has been named as legal counsel in Rhode Island Governor-elect Lincoln Chafee's restructured legal office. Alston was on the policy and finance committees for Chafee's winning gubernatorial campaign. Alston was a corporate associate with the New York law firm LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae for six years, then deputy general counsel for Mortgageit, Inc., a New York mortgage bank, and senior corporate counsel for Weight Watchers International.

He graduated from Brown University, where he earned a Watson Scholarship, and the University of Chicago Law School, where he worked with the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic and was a law school association representative and member of the Black Law Students Association

**Claire J.V. Richards**

**Legal Counsel**



Richards has more recently advised state agencies and private clients as a legal sole practitioner. Prior to entering state government in 1995, she was an associate with the Providence law firm of Hinckley, Allen & Snyder and an assistant director of admissions at Yale, her alma mater. In addition to her B.A. from Yale, Richards has a J.D. from the Duke University School of Law. She was deputy legal counsel for Governor Carcieri. Before that she was, at different times, the second in command and chief of former Gov. Lincoln Almond's legal office.