

## **Lisa Bova-Hiatt**

### Governor's Office of Storm Recovery



Lisa is currently the General Counsel of the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. The office was created in June 2013 to centralize recovery and rebuilding efforts in storm-affected municipalities throughout New York State. In close collaboration with local and community leaders, Lisa and her colleagues are working to respond to communities' most urgent rebuilding needs while also identifying long-term and innovative solutions to strengthen the State's infrastructure and critical systems for the future.

During Hurricane Irene, Lisa was called upon to work with other city personnel, and became a shelter manager at the Petrides School, in Staten Island. When Superstorm Sandy was bearing down on Staten Island, she returned to Petrides to facilitate the management of the shelter. She remained at Petrides for six days and helped provide food, shelter and a warm smile to over 950 evacuees. When the shelter closed, Lisa was appointed a member of "Team Staten Island" for the City's Hurricane Sandy relief effort in the borough. Lisa was a point of contact for residents, community groups and elected officials on Staten Island. With her team members, she helped coordinate the City's operations in the borough, ensured that all community needs were met, and facilitated the distribution of supplies, information and services. Lisa also worked with individual families to help them navigate through their rebuilding and recovery process, lending her ear, providing advice, and a friendly face. She continues this effort today, and has a handful of "Sandy families" who she checks in with on a weekly basis.

Lisa previously served as a Deputy Chief in charge of eminent domain in the Tax and Bankruptcy Litigation Division of the New York City Law Department. The division represents the City of New York in the acquisition of real property by eminent domain. There, she provided advice to New York City agencies on condemnation matters, and was responsible for coordinating and implementing acquisitions through eminent domain, and managed and counseled the attorneys and support staff who handled the proceedings in areas of procedure, valuation and title.

Lisa holds a JD from Brooklyn Law School and a BSBA from Villanova University.