

Meet Inspector General Gerald Walpin

Gerald Walpin, the Inspector General of the Corporation for National and Community Service, has pursued a vigorous effort to investigate and prosecute all persons who betray the public's trust by defrauding the Corporation and its programs.

A prominent New York attorney, Walpin was nominated by President George W. Bush, confirmed by the U.S. Senate and sworn into office on January 8, 2007. He leads the Office of Inspector General (OIG), an independent Federal agency charged with oversight over the taxpayer-supported Corporation and its service programs, including AmeriCorps, Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) and Senior Corps.

"My major objective is to expand upon the good work of this office by preventing, detecting and prosecuting all thefts and frauds," said Walpin. "The reality is that such misconduct takes precious resources away from deserving people, the same way the theft of a welfare check hurts a single mother who needs that money to buy milk for her children. For that reason, this office will seek out and ensure sanctions for all wrongdoing involving Corporation funds."



Walpin said his other major goal is to "assist the Corporation in making its services efficient and accessible for all national service stakeholders."

A New York City native, Walpin graduated from College of the City of New York in 1952. He earned his law degree, cum laude, in 1955 from Yale Law School, where he was managing editor of the Yale Law Journal. From 1957-60, he served as a lieutenant in the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General.

His career included a five-year stint as Chief of Prosecutions for the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, where he successfully prosecuted a number of high-profile cases. He spent more than 40 years as senior partner and, more recently, of counsel to New York-based Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP.

Mr. Walpin has represented a wide range of clients, including large public corporations, securities brokerage firms, accounting firms, law firms, banks in lender liability claims, and individuals, both American and foreign, in securities litigations, employment litigations, criminal prosecutions, and investigations by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Both as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and in his law firm, he was frequently called upon to investigate fraudulent conduct.

Included in the published compilation "The Best Lawyers in America," Mr. Walpin served from 2002-2004 as president of the Federal Bar Council, the association of attorneys practicing in the Second Circuit Federal courts. In 2003, he was honored with the American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for outstanding professionalism as an attorney and for mentoring younger lawyers.

Walpin and his wife Sheila, married for more than 50 years, have three children and six grandchildren.