

CHARLES B. MCKENNA

Charles McKenna currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA), having been elected by the SDA Board of Directors on January 2, 2014. Mr. McKenna most recently served as Chief Counsel to Governor Chris Christie and prior to that as Director of the New Jersey State Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

Mr. McKenna joined State government in 2010 following 18 years at the United States Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey. His last role there was as Chief of the Criminal Division, a position in which he directed attorneys responsible with prosecuting federal criminal violations.

From 2002 until 2008, Mr. McKenna served as Executive Assistant US Attorney under then US Attorney Chris Christie. In that role, he had executive oversight of all Criminal and Civil Division investigations as well as administrative responsibilities to ensure the efficient operation of the office.

Mr. McKenna received a J.D. in 1986 from St. John's University School of Law, where he graduated magna cum laude. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts summa cum laude in 1982 from Fordham University.

A New York City native, Mr. McKenna resides in Essex County.