

Beatrice Disman – 2013 Roger W. Jones Award – Biographical Sketch

Beatrice Disman is the Regional Commissioner of the Social Security Administration's New York Region and the agency lead on Medicare and the Affordable Care Act. Ms. Disman has direct authority over the Social Security's operations in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. She provides tireless leadership to approximately 4,000 employees in 128 offices including field offices, teleservice centers, the Northeastern Program Service Center and the Regional Office, as well as the national agency teams assigned to work on the Medicare Modernization Act and the Affordable Care Act. She has mentored many executives including Senior Executive Service candidates who have gained invaluable guidance from her and have since become senior executives with the Social Security Administration and other agencies.

Ms. Disman has received numerous awards, including the *New York State Medal of Honor*, presented on behalf of the Governor for her efforts to assist the families of victims from the attacks of September 11th. Ms. Disman has received three *Presidential Rank Awards*, four *Commissioner's Citations* from several Commissioners of Social Security, the *Commissioner's Leadership Award*, and the *Commissioner's Commendation for her leadership on Medicare and the Affordable Care Act*. In 2005, she received the newly-created *Commissioner's Trailblazer Award* for leadership, tenacity, and creativity. Her exemplary performance has been recognized in many years with SES performance awards.

Chairman Emeritus of the New York Federal Executive Board, Ms. Disman served as its Chair from 1997 to 2003, leading the collaborative effort among 150 federal agencies, including their responses to 9/11. Similarly, she has chaired the Board's Disability Awareness Committee since 1995, and the Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund since 2000. She has been a member of the Executive Committee of the New York City Combined Federal Campaign. An advocate for many social issues, Ms. Disman continues to serve her fellow New Yorkers in leadership roles at the New York City Community Board Six and several civic and non-profit organizations. In her capacity as both the Regional Commissioner and community leader, Ms. Disman was instrumental in recovery efforts after Hurricane Sandy in 2012. She implemented national emergency disaster procedures to ensure Social Security services were available to members of the public needing them, and she provided compassionate leadership and assistance to Social Security Administration employees who were personally affected by the disaster.