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New Jersey Department of Corrections Commissioner (NJDOC) Marcus O. Hicks Esq., was recently elected to the role of Vice President for the Correctional Leaders Association (CLA) by his CLA peers, comprised of the CEOs of corrections throughout the United States. CLA's mission is to promote the professionalism of corrections, support its members, and positively affect policy and practices that support public safety.

Hicks brings more than a decade of public policy and corrections experience and a history of developing progressive solutions to modern-day correctional challenges. As NJDOC Commissioner, Hicks increased protections in support of the Prison Rape Elimination Act, instituted ground-breaking educational programming in support of reentry, developed a workforce wellness initiative for employees grounded in resiliency and implemented a universal COVID-19 testing strategy for inmates and staff – the largest state testing initiative and the first among correctional agencies.

Before he was appointed Commissioner, Hicks served the NJDOC in various capacities – Chief of Staff, Director of Programs and Community Services and Assistant Division Director of the Office of Transitional Services. He also directed the Office of County Services, which is responsible for conducting annual inspections of the 22 county correctional facilities and 376 municipal detention facilities located throughout the state.

Hicks is a graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, and received his Juris Doctoris degree from Seton Hall University School of Law in Newark, New Jersey.