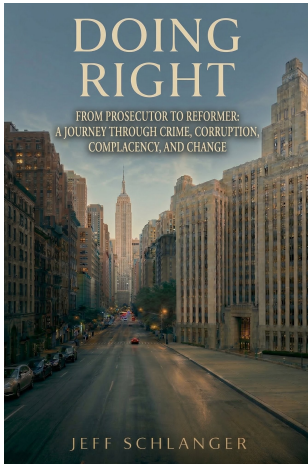


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PALM BEACH, FL — Jeff Schlanger — who served as Chief of Staff to Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance and as Deputy Commissioner of the NYPD — today announces the publication of *Doing Right: From Prosecutor to Reformer: A Journey Through Crime, Corruption, Complacency, and Change* (IntegrAssure Press). The memoir arrives at a moment when public trust in law enforcement, prosecutors, and the institutions of justice is at a historic low — and when the questions Schlanger has spent more than four decades wrestling with from the inside have never been more urgently debated from the outside.

Schlanger entered the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in 1978, where he spent more than a decade as a senior trial and investigative attorney, prosecuting notable cases including the Westies and John Gotti. In 1997, after leaving the DA's Office, he represented a journalist whose reporting on the TWA Flight 800 disaster raised fundamental questions about freedom of the press and the limits of federal authority. Beginning in 2001, he helped lead the federal monitorship overseeing the Los Angeles Police Department — the largest police consent decree in American history — for nearly eight years. He later returned to the Manhattan District Attorney's Office as Chief of Staff to District Attorney Cyrus Vance, implementing a program of “extreme collaboration” with the NYPD, before serving as the first-ever Deputy Commissioner of Risk Management for NYPD.

What makes *Doing Right* timely is precisely what makes it rare. The national conversation about policing, accountability, and wrongful convictions has been loud but largely abstract — conducted at a distance from the actual machinery of prosecution and reform. Schlanger was inside that machinery for more than forty years, sometimes as its enforcer, sometimes as its critic, and sometimes as the monitor assigned to make it answerable to the public it had failed. His account of those years offers readers something the debate has lacked: a granular, lived record of what institutional accountability looks like when it is actually put into practice.

Doing Right is not simply a memoir of cases. It is an account of what it means to pursue justice inside institutions that are sometimes flawed, sometimes political, and too often resistant to the very accountability they are supposed to uphold. Schlanger does not offer easy answers. He offers something rarer: a career's worth of hard-won experience grappling with the question that never left him — what does it actually mean to do right?

Praise for *Doing Right*

*“Jeff Schlanger has spent a career confronting crime, public safety, and institutional accountability at the highest levels... *Doing Right* is a thoughtful and important memoir about leadership, reform, service and the challenge of doing right when the stakes are the highest.”*

— **Bill Bratton, Former Commissioner, NYPD; Former Chief of Police, LAPD**

“I have known Jeff Schlanger for decades, beginning with our time together in the Manhattan District Attorney’s Rackets Bureau... Doing Right is a book that reflects Jeff Schlanger precisely — measured in its judgments, honest about difficulty, and unwavering in its sense of what public service demands.”

— **Cy Vance, Former Manhattan District Attorney**

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Jeff Schlanger is a former Manhattan prosecutor whose career began in the crucible of major organized-crime prosecutions, including the investigation and prosecution of the Westies and John Gotti. He later helped lead the oversight of the LAPD and went on to serve as Chief of Staff to Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance and as Deputy Commissioner of the NYPD, where he founded and led the Risk Management Bureau. His career has been shaped by a persistent belief that doing right is not a badge one earns once and for all, but an aspiration—tested most severely when power, fear, loyalty, and institutional self-protection push in the opposite direction.

LONG BIOGRAPHY

Jeff Schlanger entered the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office in 1978, where he spent more than a decade as a senior trial and investigative attorney at the forefront of the office’s organized crime work. During that period he prosecuted the Westies — one of New York’s most violent Irish-American gangs — and participated in the prosecution of John Gotti.

Following his years as a prosecutor, Schlanger moved into the private sector. In 1997 he represented a journalist whose reporting on the TWA Flight 800 disaster led to federal criminal charges that raised fundamental questions about freedom of the press and federal overreach. In the hours following the death of JFK Jr. in 1999, Schlanger was called upon by a mutual friend to oversee the security of Kennedy’s New York apartment.

Beginning in 2001, Schlanger helped lead the federal monitorship overseeing the Los Angeles Police Department — the largest police consent decree in American history — a role that continued for nearly eight years. During that same period, following the September 11 attacks, he led the operation to recover millions of dollars of gold from the World Trade Center site, coordinating with the NYPD, the Port Authority Police Department, and the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Schlanger later returned to the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, where he served as Chief of Staff to District Attorney Cyrus Vance, implementing a program of “extreme collaboration” with the NYPD. He subsequently served as Deputy Commissioner of the NYPD as the first leader of the Risk Management Bureau.

ENDORSEMENTS

“Jeff Schlanger has spent a career confronting crime, public safety, and institutional accountability at the highest levels. I have had the good fortune to work with him on various engagements for over 30 years, including a seven year period when I was Chief of the LAPD charged with implementing the largest police Federal Consent decree in history. Jeff was the second in command of that Federal monitorship throughout the life of that decree and its ultimate successful conclusion. Doing Right is a thoughtful and important memoir about leadership, reform, service and the challenge of doing right when the stakes are the highest.”

— **Bill Bratton, Former Commissioner, NYPD; Former Chief of Police, LAPD**

“I have known Jeff Schlanger for decades, beginning with our time together in the Manhattan District Attorney’s Rackets Bureau. Over the years, I have come to rely not only on his intelligence and judgment, but also on his integrity, steadiness, and deep sense of purpose. Doing Right is a book that reflects Jeff Schlanger precisely — measured in its judgments, honest about difficulty, and unwavering in its sense of what public service demands. I recommend it without reservation to anyone who cares about justice, institutions, and the people who try to make them work.”

— **Cy Vance, Former Manhattan District Attorney**

“I met Jeff Schlanger on our first day in the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office in 1978, and from that day forward I had a front-row seat to the intelligence, integrity, and determination he brought to every challenge. Doing Right draws on a career very few people have had. It is an honest, clear-eyed account of what it means to pursue justice from the inside — and a serious reflection on why it matters.”

— **Michael Cherkasky, Former Chief of Investigations, Manhattan District Attorney’s Office; Former President & CEO, Kroll Inc.; Co-Founder, Exiger**

“Doing Right is the remarkable story of Jeff Schlanger’s career as a top Manhattan prosecutor and his lifelong pursuit of truth, fairness, and justice. The book reveals a man who never stopped asking the hard questions, and never stopped answering them with honesty.”

— **Robert Silbering, Former Special Narcotics Prosecutor, City of New York; Author of Law & Disorder**

“Jeff Schlanger epitomizes doing what is right. He combatted racketeers and prosecuted organized crime. His memoir, Doing Right, captures those struggles in a gripping way. It is a compelling memoir of a reformer who truly understands both law and justice.”

— **Rich Esposito, Journalist & Former Deputy Commissioner, NYPD; Author of Jimmy Breslin: The Man Who Told the Truth**

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW TOPICS

Inside the Gotti and Westies Prosecutions

What it was like to work organized crime cases at the height of the mob era in New York.

The LAPD Consent Decree

How the largest police consent decree in American history actually worked from the inside, and what it achieved.

What Institutional Accountability Really Looks Like

Why accountability fails, how reform actually happens, and what distinguishes success from failure.

Policing, Trust, and the Current Moment

A veteran insider's view of the national conversation about policing and whether reform is working.

The TWA 800 Case and Press Freedom

Representing a journalist against federal prosecution and what it revealed about the limits of federal authority.

Why He Wrote the Book

The career experiences that compelled Schlanger to put four decades of public service on the record.

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