

## **John Clarkson, Executive Director**

John Clarkson served at the State Comptroller's Office from 1995 to 2006. As Assistant Comptroller for the Division of Local Government Services and Economic Development (2003-06), he oversaw policy and intergovernmental relations, local official training and financial monitoring operations. In this role, he created a comprehensive local government research operation and established the State Comptroller's Office as a major local government policy shop, producing respected reports on issues such as property taxes, urban fiscal distress, revenue sharing, local Medicaid costs, cooperation/consolidation, smart growth, and outdated municipal structures. He also developed and oversaw policy initiatives in areas including school financial accountability, IDA reform, fire district accountability and justice court structural improvements.

In previous roles in the Comptroller's Office, Mr. Clarkson was responsible for research on state budget and education issues. Prior to his work at the Comptroller's Office, Mr. Clarkson served for 11 years in the New York State Division of the Budget as a budget analyst, revenue forecaster and press officer; he has also worked at the New York State School Boards Association and the Office of Real Property Services.

Mr. Clarkson is a graduate of George Washington University and received a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the State University at Albany in 1981. He lives in Bethlehem with his wife Connie and their two sons, Matthew and David.