

## Juliette Kayyem

On March 5, 2009 Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano appointed Juliette N. Kayyem Assistant Secretary for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Assistant Secretary Kayyem has been directed by the Secretary to integrate the many interactions the Department has with state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) entities to ensure that they receive more effective assistance in the homeland security missions. Her role within the department will be to facilitate and strengthen communication between the department and State and Local representatives.

From 2007 until her appointment by Secretary Napolitano, Juliette N. Kayyem served as Massachusetts' first Undersecretary for Homeland Security and in that capacity was responsible for developing statewide policies on homeland security, with a focus on preventing, protecting, responding to, and recovering from any and all critical incidents. Prior to joining Governor Deval Patrick's administration, she served as a Lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, teaching in homeland and national security.

She began her legal career at the Department of Justice, ultimately serving as an advisor to then Attorney General Janet Reno. Assistant Secretary Kayyem was also a congressional appointment to the National Commission on Terrorism, which, in early summer 2001, highlighted major gaps in planning and preparation for a possible terrorist attack. She is the co-author of the critically acclaimed *Preserving Liberty in an Age of Terror* (MIT Press, 2005) and co-editor of *First to Arrive: State and Local Responses to Terrorism* (MIT Press, 2003), and until she took this position, was a national security analyst for NBC News.