

Lewis Rice, Jr.

Biographical Sketch

Lewis Rice is the Senior Vice President for Global Security and Trademark Protection for the Estee Lauder Companies. In this capacity, Mr. Rice leads a worldwide team of security executives responsible for protecting the companies' employees and products. The team conducts the full range of corporate security assignments including crisis management, investigations, travel security, supply chain security, loss prevention and executive and special event protection in over 150 countries.

Prior to this assignment, he was a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). During his twenty-six year career with the DEA, Mr. Rice developed an extensive range of experiences in national program areas, policy and management. In 1998, Mr. Rice was selected by the President of the United States to be awarded the rank of Meritorious Executive in the Senior Executive Service of the DEA. As a native of New York City, Mr. Rice earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from St. John's University, Queens, New York. Shortly after graduation, he began his career with the DEA in 1974 and served in a variety of investigative assignments in the state of New York and in Kingston, Jamaica. In 1984, he was promoted to the position of Supervisory Special Agent in Miami, Florida, where he coordinated numerous international drug investigations against violent drug cartels which resulted in the seizures of millions of dollars in cash, thousands of kilograms of cocaine and heroin and the arrests and convictions of major drug traffickers. During his career with the DEA, he held additional supervisory assignments in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia

In 1996, he was promoted to Special Agent-in-Charge (SAC), Detroit Division which covers the states of Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. In 1997, he was again promoted to the position of SAC of the DEA office in New York; the flagship office of the DEA. At the time of this appointment, he was the youngest SAC in the DEA. Outside of DEA Headquarters, the New York office is the largest in the DEA. Mr. Rice was responsible for the management of all DEA's investigative, administrative, training and drug prevention programs in the State of New York.

It is worthy to note that during his assignment as Special Agent in Charge of the New York Office, Mr. Rice was appointed as a permanent member of the DEA's Career Board, an elite group of senior executives who are responsible for all supervisory selections in the agency.

In addition, in 1997, Mr. Rice was named the recipient of an Achievement Award presented by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), and he was presented the 1st Annual Criminal Justice Alumnus of the Year Award by St. John's University's St. Vincent's College Alumni Association and Alpha Phi Sigma.

Throughout his career, Mr. Rice has been frequently recognized and awarded for his outstanding contributions to the DEA and to the many communities in which he lived and worked. In 1998, Mr. Rice was named Chairman of New York's Law Enforcement Exploring Program, a division of the Boy Scouts of America, which currently serves over 3,000 teenagers in New York City. In July 1998, the New York DEA Explorer Post 99-10 received the DEA's National Demand Reduction Award at the Law Enforcement Conference in Washington, D.C.

As a testament to his commitment to the children of New York City, he was elected Chairman Emeritus for the Law Enforcement Explorer Program in 2001 and is currently an active board member. In 2009, he

wrote DEA Special Agent: "My Life on the Front Line". This autobiographical short story chronicles the life and challenges of a DEA Special Agent.

He was featured in a publication of his alma mater, St. John's University which profiled the careers of seven "highly successful alumni" whose contributions in life have earned them recognition beyond the achievement of graduation. Described by St. John's University as an exceptional alumnus, Mr. Rice is held up to the present and future students of his alma mater as an example that hard work and dedication will yield success in the future. He received the St. John's University Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award in May, 2009 and the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2016.

In 2009, he was selected by the Governor of New York, David Paterson, to be a member of the Police on Police Shooting Task Force. The Task Force was formed as a result of several shootings where a police officer mistakenly shot and killed another police officer who was off duty and in plain clothes. The Task Force examined the issues and implications arising from these confrontations and made recommendations to reduce these tragic events.

In addition to the board membership of the Law Enforcement Explorers and the Saint John's University Board of Trustees, Mr. Rice is also an active board member with the New York City Crime Commission, The Federal Enforcement Homeland Security Foundation, DARE, New York, the DEA Survivor's Benefit Fund, and the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition.

Mr. Rice is married and resides in New York City.