

gaming to Atlantic City. He served as Chief of Staff to Governor Florio 1989-1990, after which Florio appointed him as Chairman of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission, a position he held until 1994. Perskie led a comprehensive restructuring and refocus of the commission and its agenda.

A public defender early in his law career, Perskie served as a New Jersey Superior Court judge from 1982 to 1989, when he temporarily left the bench for the Florio administration. He returned to Superior Court from 2002-2010 and served in the Civil Division and as Presiding Judge of the Family and Criminal Divisions. In 2007, Judge Perskie mediated the resolution of the Tropicana garage collapse litigation, which involved more than 50 parties and claims totaling more than \$100 million.

Three other Hughes Center Honors awards will also be presented.

Distinctive Alumni Leadership Award

Authority (ACUA) for more than 27 years, overseeing a staff of 250 and an annual budget exceeding \$60 million. ACUA operates a 40-million-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant in Atlantic City and a regional sewerage collection system that serves 14 Atlantic County municipalities. ACUA also operates a state-of-the-art solid waste facility, as well as a regional trash collection fleet that serves more than 100,000 residents and businesses.

ACUA has been nationally recognized for excellence in innovation, efficiency and environmental stewardship under Dovey, a strong proponent of renewable energy and sustainability. Prior to joining ACUA, Dovey led the Atlantic County Regional Planning and Development Department. He has served on numerous industry councils and civic or charity boards, and formerly chaired of the Stockton University Foundation Board

