



Cuomo reform expert will be fellow at Rockefeller Institute

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Jeremy M. Creelan, who headed up a number of reform initiatives for Gov. Andrew Cuomo, has been named a visiting fellow of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government where he will focus on reform and social justice issues.

Creelan, who served as special counsel for public integrity and ethics reform, is [most closely associated](#) with the effort to raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York to 18. The so-called “Raise the Age” campaign has faced headwinds in the Republican-controlled Senate.

He left the administration at the end of 2013, three months before the shutdown of Cuomo’s Moreland Commission to Investigate Public Corruption.

While working as a fellow, Creelan will remain a partner at the law firm Jenner & Block,

where he focuses on complex commercial litigation and government controversies and public policy litigation practices. (There is no public salary involved.)

Before joining Cuomo’s administration, he served as deputy director of the democracy program at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, where he co-authored the noteworthy 2004 report [“The New York State Legislature Process: An Evaluation and Blueprint for Reform.”](#)

Creelan’s appointment comes just weeks after Cuomo’s former state ops director Jim Malatras took up his new post as president of the Rockefeller Institute, which serves as SUNY’s in-house public policy think tank.

In a statement, Malatras said that Creelan’s “broad career as a policymaker, litigator and advocate will be invaluable to drive evidence-based policymaking, especially in government reform and social justice.”