



**Carol Carson, Executive Director of the
Connecticut Office of State Ethics,
Selected as 2011 Henry Toll Fellow**

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Carol Carson, Executive Director of Connecticut's Office of State Ethics (OSE), is one of 48 promising state leaders from across the nation selected for the prestigious Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by the Council of State Governments (CSG).

The annual week-long seminar, named in honor of Henry Toll, a Colorado senator who founded CSG in 1933, seeks to develop the next generation of leaders from all three branches of state government. This year's program, held in Lexington, KY, from September 9-14, focuses on trends analysis, policy development, media and constituent relations, and leadership and institutional changes. The experience gives the selected leaders perspectives they would not ordinarily obtain during the course of their regular governmental service.

Carson was selected from many outstanding applicants by a committee of state elected and appointed officials as one of the most promising leaders of state government. This year's applicant pool included state leaders from all three branches and represented 42 states and two US territories. Past Toll Fellowship graduates include governors, U.S. Senators and members of Congress, as well as leaders in state government.

Carol Carson was appointed by the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board to serve as the Executive Director of the OSE in December 2007. Prior to this post, she was a member of the senior management of the Massachusetts Ethics Commission, where she was responsible for the Commission's communication functions. She serves as the 2010 fellows class president of CSG's Eastern Leadership Academy and is a member of the editorial board of the Public Integrity Journal. She is a past president of the Council on Government Ethics Laws and received the prestigious Outstanding Service award from the organization in 2010. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Wellesley College and holds a Master of Science in Public Affairs from the University of Massachusetts.

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