

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**CIVIL ACTION NO: 12-1924**

**v.**

**SECTION "E"**

**THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

**MAGISTRATE DIVISION "2"**

**MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM ORDER**

**NOW COME** Intervenors, Police Association of New Orleans, Inc., and Michael Glasser, a sworn law enforcement officer for the City of New Orleans, New Orleans Police Department, appearing herein individually and as President of the Police Association of New Orleans, Inc., who, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60 (b)(2), (b)(3) and (b)(6) move to now file this Motion for Relief from the Order issued by this Court on August 31, 2012, which denied applicants Motion to Intervene, which was respectfully filed on August 7, 2012, in the above captioned civil action. This motion is being filed in order to permit Intervenor's to fully protect mover's rights to participate in the confection, implementation, administration and enforcement of any Consent Decree that may be entered into herein.

Respectfully submitted:

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR  
RELIEF FROM ORDER DENYING INTERVENTION**

This memorandum is submitted in support of the Motion of the Police Association of New Orleans and Michael Glasser requesting that, pursuant to Rule 60(b)(2), (b)(3) and (b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requesting this Honorable Court grant relief from its prior judgment denying mover's motion to intervene.

**I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

This case involves the proposed consent decree between the United States of America and the City of New Orleans, and proposed reforms within the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD). The primary purpose of the Consent Decree is to "end the pattern or practice of misconduct and discrimination by law enforcement officers." (See R.Doc. 2, Joint Motion and Memorandum for Entry of Consent Decree, p. 9) This statement clearly identifies "law enforcement officers" (all whom are members of the NOPD) as the parties whose behavior is sought to be addressed. In doing so, the Consent Decree will necessarily and directly affect these "law enforcement officers" in the way in which they perform almost

every aspect of their daily duties and responsibilities.

Proposed Intervenor's recognized early on that this consent decree would have direct impact on its members, and, in May of 2010, met with representatives of the plaintiff, the United States of America. One of these representatives' was Assistant United States Attorney Salvatore "Sal" Perricone. Intervenor's also met with representatives of the defendant, City of New Orleans, represented by various members' of the City Attorney's office. Both representatives of the plaintiff and defendant assured proposed Intervenor's that their member's interests and input would be given serious consideration, and that both had the will and ability to fairly and adequately protect the Intervenor's interests. Despite the assertions of the parties, proposed Intervenor's were never invited to participate in any other meetings.

On August 7, 2012 proposed Intervenor's filed its Motion to Intervene, based on Rule 24(a) and 24(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Doc. 13 (See also Doc. 13, Memorandum in Support of Motion to Intervene). In so moving, Intervenor's asserted both that they were entitled to intervene as a matter of right, pursuant to Federal Rule of Procedure 24(a), and/or that they should be granted to intervene permissively pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(b). On August 31, 2012 this Court, in an order by Judge Morgan, denied this motion. In doing so, the Court noted that the "proposed intervenor's have not shown that the United States will inadequately represent their (the Police Associations) interest at this stage of the proceedings." (Rec. Doc. 102, p. 21)

Since this issuing the order denying the ruling intervenor status, new and additional information that has been discovered regarding the admitted misconduct of a high ranking member of the United States Attorney's Office. The member, Sal Perricone, has

been described as the “point man” for the United States Attorney’s Office in these negotiations. The admitted misconduct related to Perricone’s penchant for improperly commenting in regards to many ongoing investigations being conducted by the United States Attorney’s Office and the Department of Justice. In many instances Perricone, who blogged under the alias “Henry L. Mencken1951” and “legacyusa” (and possibly others), posted specific comments on *nola.com* regarding the ongoing consent decree negotiation process. (The relevant comments are identified and attached as Exhibit 1).

Many of these comments contained false, misleading and inflammatory language. Many of these comments were directed at the defendants’, which not only criticized and demeaned the leadership of the City and the NOPD, but also questioned the integrity and trustworthiness of the defendant’s. Some of these comments also severely, unprofessionally and in a prejudicial manner, criticized the federal judiciary system which would eventually adjudicate the Consent Decree. All of these comments, however, were serious incidents of misconduct committed by an attorney for the plaintiff (the United States).

The subsequent investigation of Perricone’s misconduct has resulted in not only his resignation, but that of two additional Assistant United States Attorneys, as well as that of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana. An independent investigation is ongoing in an effort to determine the full extent and effect of this misconduct, and others are being investigated. The full extent of this misconduct has yet to be determined.

Proposed Intervenor’s submit that the actions by the party plaintiff, the United States, clearly demonstrate that the United States cannot, and will not, adequately represent this applicant’s interest. Although there is a presumption that the United States, as a government entity, will represent it’s citizens interest, it is submitted the evidence shown herein is

sufficient to overcome any such presumption in this matter.

Based on the admitted misconduct of the involved party, and in the interest of fairness and justice, PANO now files this now files this Motion and Memorandum for relief from the Order previously issued in this case. The following is offered in support therein:

## II. BACKGROUND

### A. PERRICONE'S MISCODUCT

This Court additionally noted that the “proposed intervenor’s have not shown that the United States will inadequately represent their (the Police Associations) interest at this stage of the proceedings.” (Rec. Doc. 102, p. 21) What was not known at the time, and what may never be known, is what undue influence, prejudice and misinformation was injected into the proposed Consent Decree’s negotiation process by the involvement of former Assistant United States Attorney Salvatore Perricone and how has this adversely affected the negotiation process as well as any final decree. As this Court may well know, Mr. Perricone, up until his resignation in March of 2012, was the United States Attorney’s Office “point man” in the Consent Decree negotiations.

PANO was promised in May of 2010 that it would be (somehow) involved in process. This promise was never fulfilled. While not a member of the process, PANO does have insight as to the mindset and demeanor of Mr. Perricone, thanks to his now infamous habit blogging information and opinion regarding cases being handled by the United States Attorney’s Office. Intervenor’s (PANO) suggest that Mr. Perricone’s public comments on nola.com (using the known alias’s of “legacyusa” and “Henry L. Mencken1951”), in regards to the NOPD in general and the Consent Decree specifically, sufficiently and effectively forever tarnish the final proposed Consent Decree.

For instance, on February 5, 2012 at 8:25 am, Perricone posted the following on

***nola.com:***

“The Justice Department launched an investigation into the department in 1996, two years after Mr. Pennington was hired, and began reforming internal investigations, police details and other operations. In 2004, the agency decided that federal oversight was not needed.

Question: Who was Pennington’s #2 when the NOPD decided that Federal oversight was NOT NEEDED? None other than Ronal Serpas.

Why has it taken so long to implement a Consent Decree? Why is the city dragging its feet? Do you see a pattern here?

The NOPD will never change if left to its own devices. It’s a corrupt culture which has existed for years. I am opposed to the Federal government residing in our lives, but this is one time I can make an exception.” (See Exhibit 1, p.1, post 7)

**On October 16, 2011 Perricone posted this on *nola.com*:**

“Stop! Enough! Am I the only Orleanian who suffers from such a degree of somnolence that I missed the Pennington reforms? Where are those reform measures? Where they so ephmerial, that there abasence (sic) caused Danziger and Glover? Is Serpas touting Pennington because he, Serpas, was a minion of the great Pennington? If Pennington’s reforms are worth recalling and citing, why aren’t they still here in full execution? I, for one, don’t want to hear any more of Richard Pennington. Enough. He left no legacy, other than a lady friend on the Federal bench. His tracks have been blown away by time and a deep inveterate culture of corruption at the NOPD. This Consent Decree can arrive too soon!!!!

Query: Wouldn’t be the ironies of ironies that Pennington’s friend would be the Federal judge to oversee the failures of the NOPD and by logical extension, the failure of her former “friend”? New Orleans---what a place!!!” See Exhibit 1, p. 3, post 5)

**On September 12, 2011 Perricone posted this blog on *nola.com*:**

“Serpas’ success as police superintendent is directly proportionate to how vigorous the court-appointed police monitor will enforce the consent decree. Left to his own devices, the NOPD, under his control, will backslide into the morass it has become over the past 20 years.” (See Exhibit 1, p. 4, post 5)

**On November 21, 2011 he blogged on *nola .com* this:** “Where is the consent decree?” (See Exhibit 1, p. 5, post 2)

**And on November 22, 2011 on *nola.com*, Perricone wrote;**

“While these heros are making promises, where is the consent decree they promised? You can’t have reform without the Justice Department in this city. I financially support Mitch, but I beginning to have second thoughts. SHUT UP AND PRODUCE!!!!!!” (See Exhibit 1, p.5, post 3)

**On January 14, 2012 Perricone blogged on *nola.com* this:**

“Ronald Serpas and Mitch Landrieu are the Les Miles of city executives. All they can do is TALK, TALK, TALK, TALK. Whenever it gets bad, they run to the camera and microphones. TALK, TALK, TALK. This the political solution to a massive social problem they are incapable of solving. NO MORE NEWS CONFERENCES. Get the job done!!! Act!!!” (See Exhibit 1, p. 6, post 1)

**On May 4, 2011 Perricone posted this comment, in part, on *nola.com*:**

“...Mitch you may not have run as a reform mayor, but many of us, perhaps gullibly, believed you would be. Now you have a big challenge on your hands. You have the most corrupt police department under your control—or does it have you under its control. It will sink your administration faster than a gaping hole in its midsection. You are taking on water so fast and there are only so many waterproof compartments to keep you afloat. Act now. Terminate this commander and anyone who had anything to do with this detail. DEMAND that police officers not split shifts to work details. When they do that they put their financial interests above the safety of our city. Can’t you see that? Act now! Act decisively!” (See Exhibit 1, p.7)

And finally, this post by Perricone, following a *nola.com* news article titled “**Tiny frog is declared the world smallest vertebrae**”;

“Maybe we can convince him to be police superintendent. It is abundantly clear that larger vertebrae can’t do the job”. (See Exhibit 1, p. 6, post 2)

One may logically deduce from these postings that Perricone, while an essential and central member of the negotiation team, clearly and publically displayed that he had no faith or respect for the defendants, the NOPD or their present leadership. His posted blog of September 12, 2011 reveals that he believes it will be solely the efforts of the police monitor to reform the police department, as its present leadership is incapable of doing so. The attitude, demeanor and beliefs displayed by such a high ranking member of the Department of Justice negotiation team

undermine the entire negotiation process and justifiably show that proposed Intervener's interest cannot be, and has not been, adequately protected by either the plaintiff, United States, or the defendant, City of New Orleans.

Even New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, in an article published on *nola.com* (March 20, 2012 at 12:30 pm) entitled "Mayor Mitch Landrieu calls federal prosecutor Sal Perricone's resignation "justified"", was quoted as saying he was "very concerned that some of those negotiations may have been poisoned, really, by an attitude and a mindset that doesn't seem to reflect, to me, necessarily the view of the U.S. attorney or the president of the United States." "I'm uncomfortable about (Perricone's) presence (in the consent decree negotiations), not only going forward but what has happened in the last year and I think we'll just have to work through that issue."

Mayor Landrieu was additionally quoted in this same article as stating "As you know, these are very aggressive and contentious discussions. They're very, very important because it's a commitment that's going to last for a very, very long period of time, so we have to get it right. I know everybody wants us to go fast, and getting it done quickly is important, but getting it done right is more important". (See Attached Exhibit 2)

#### B. ADDITIONAL FACTORS SUPPORTING RELIEF

### III. LAW AND ARGUMENT

This motion is filed pursuant to Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Titled "Relief from a Judgment or Order", subsection (b) provides for the various grounds from which a court may provide relief to a party from a previous order. Subsection (b)(2) provides grounds for relief upon discovery of new evidence, that "with reasonable diligence, could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule

59(b). In this instance, Perricone admitted in March of 2012 that he improperly posted comments about ongoing cases under the alias “Henry L. Mencken1951” but made no further admissions. Not until October of 2012, (2 months after the order denying this mover’s motion to intervene) when questioned under oath in a related matter, did Perricone admit he also previously had posted such comments under the alias “legacyusa”. At the time of the denial of this intervenor’s motion, this information was unknown to proposed Intervenor’s, and had not been disclosed by the party he represented, the United States.

In addition to the above, an ongoing investigation is currently in action, seeking to determine the extent and effect of the admitted acts of misconduct in other federal investigations. It is conceivable that this investigation will reveal additional unethical acts or misconduct committed by Perricone and/or others in this matter. Proposed Intervenor’s suggest that, considering the given facts and circumstances, proper grounds exist for this Court to grant relief from the prior order based on this newly discovered evidence.

Rule 60(b)(3) provides that when actions such as “fraud (whether previously called intrinsic or extrinsic), misrepresentation, or misconduct by an opposing party” has been committed, that also shall be grounds for relief. In the instant matter there can be no denying that misconduct in this matter has been perpetrated by a prominent member of the opposing party. This misconduct has been admitted, and served to damage, demean and gain an advantage over the defendant, City of New Orleans. In doing so, the same member displayed particular bias against the NOPD, its leadership and its law enforcement officers.

The Model Code of Professional Responsibility encompasses an attorney's duty to "maintain the highest standards of ethical conduct". Preamble, Model Code of Professional Conduct. The Code is designed to safeguard the integrity of the profession and preserve public confidence in our system of justice. *United States v. Hammond*, 858 F.2d 839 (2d Cir. 1988)

Proposed Intervenor's submit that, considering the newly discovered evidence and admitted acts of misconduct by this party, that this party cannot, has not and will not, adequately represent their interest. The notion that this type of known misconduct can support confidence in the realistic expectation that this party (the United States) will adequately represent the interest of proposed interveners has been forever lost. Thus, it is suggested that considering the given facts and circumstances, proper grounds exist for this Court to grant relief from the prior order based on the admitted misconduct of the opposing party.

Finally, subsection (b)(6) allows his Court to grant relief from the prior order when there appears "any other reason that justifies relief". Proposed Intervenor suggests that it is in the best interest of all parties that PANO be granted relief from the order denying intervention. As previously indicated, the primary goal of the proposed consent decree is to "end the pattern or practice of misconduct and discrimination by law enforcement officers." (See R.Doc. 2, Joint Motion and Memorandum for Entry of Consent Decree, p. 9). It is submitted that to do so, those law enforcement officers who will be tasked by this proposed decree to ensure successful implementation and compliance of the decree must have some degree of trust in the not only the methods of change, but also the motives behind them. The now notorious misconduct of the

government, and the plain language bias displayed against the NOPD, its leadership and its members, justifiably lead to an overwhelming view that the proposed decree has been “poisoned”.

PANO submits that allowing Intervener status to the Police Association of New Orleans will not unduly delay these proceedings, but will instead assist in building trust in the decree through inclusion and transparency. There has been no evidence presented to suggest that, at this stage of the proceeding, allowing intervenor status to PANO would delay these proceedings. In the words of Mayor Landrieu “getting it done quickly is important, but getting it done right is more important”.

Subsection (c) sets forth requires that such a motion be filed within a “reasonable time” after the entry of the order, or for reasons (3), within a year of the entry of the judgment or order. This motion stems from an order entered on August 31, 2012 (approximately 5 months ago). Considering the above submitted facts, and the ongoing status of the investigation and events, it is submitted that this motion has been submitted in a reasonable time, and for reason (3) certainly with the one year period proscribed. This motion is therefore timely.

Considering the above, the proposed Intervenor requests that this Honorable Court grant relief from its prior order and exercise its discretion in ordering the permissive intervention of PANO in this matter. It is further requested that in addition to, or in the alternative, an evidentiary hearing is held in order to ascertain the overall extent and affect that such misconduct played in the formulation, motives, investigation, identification and the implementation of the proposed Consent Decree. Such a hearing is necessary in order to not only reveal the true extent of damage caused by such misconduct, but to also restore and rebuild public confidence in the final Consent Decree.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above and forgoing reasons, the proposed Intervenor's respectfully request this Honorable Court grant this Motion for Relief and order that the Police Association of New Orleans and Michael Glasser be granted the right to permissively intervene in this case. In addition to, or in the alternative, it is requested that an evidentiary hearing be granted to allow mover the ability to fully explore the extent of damage and prejudice caused to mover's position and rights.

Respectfully submitted:

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Undersigned counsel certifies that he has served the foregoing on all counsel of record this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2013, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of Court by using CM/ECF system and served a copy of the same, along with the Notice of Electronic Filing upon council.

\_\_\_/s/\_Eric Hessler\_\_\_\_\_

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# EXHIBIT 1

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"However, King said, he will accept the appointment only if the full action team agrees to demand Serpas' immediate dismissal and if Landrieu appoints a long list of new members to the group, including activists such as Tracie Washington, Malcolm Suber, Dyan French Cole, Minister Willie Muhammad, the Rev. Raymond Brown, Norbert Rome and Nedra "Capt. Black" Enzi."

Refugees of the Third Floor.

Posted on Local NAACP leader says he will accept city appointment with certain conditions on February 04, 2012, 8:22AM

Welcome back.

Posted on More criminal charges for former Jefferson Parish President Aaron Broussard: An editorial on February 04, 2012, 10:11AM

A crime.

Posted on River Birch landfill owner yet to collect on loan to Garland Robinette on February 04, 2012, 10:13AM

If we can give the judges a fat raise, how about other parts of the Criminal Justice system. Oh, the Judges have a better lobby!!!!

Posted on Orleans Parish public defenders' office in crisis: An editorial on February 04, 2012, 10:16AM

This sad sad case reminds me of Jo Ellen Smith. For those of you too young to remember, she was nursing student visiting the poor in the Fisher Housing PROJECT. She was abducted, raped and murdered. To call it savage would be an understatement. I thought then that New Orleans lost its soul, nearly 40 years have passed and we haven't evolved as a civilization, yet. I can almost understand one drug dealer killing another-it's horrible, but when someone embarks on a life a drug dealing, they have to assume some risks.

But when someone is about helping the poor and sick, they assume NO risk--well, they shouldn't have to. Home nursing is a blessing and those who do it are truly angels among us. And this happens and we wonder how.

I am very critical of the NOPD, but today, we all should celebrate their win. I only hope they didn't cut corners or do sloppy police work. That victim deserves the best investigation possible, which will yield a conviction.

Posted on Three more men arrested in Gert Town gang rape on February 04, 2012, 10:47AM

TP your title is somewhat suspect. " School vouchers have yet to prove their success definitively". That might be true, but public schools have proven to be less than successful and vouchers should be allowed to give ALL parents a choice. Afterall, aren't the editors of this newspaper pro-choice? If a parent can choose to terminate human existence before it is born, why can't a parent choose where to educate a child if they decide to let it live? It's that simple and unhyprocritic.

Posted on School vouchers have yet to prove their success definitively on February 04, 2012, 3:34PM

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Posted on New Orleans police reform by decree: An editorial on February 05, 2012, 8:25AM

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Agree.

Posted on **Your comments: Italian contributions to New Orleans underappreciated** on October 12, 2011, 10:20AM



I subscribe to the wisdom of Hemingway who said he feels sorry for the man who knows only one way to spell a word.

Posted on **Your comments: Italian contributions to New Orleans underappreciated** on October 12, 2011, 10:21AM



He was born in Tunis, Tunisia.

Posted on **Your comments: Italian contributions to New Orleans underappreciated** on October 12, 2011, 10:26AM



Letten shouldn't give up on Jefferson Parish. But appears, sadly, that Heebe got the judge in his pocket. Good Luck Feds!!!

Posted on **Prosecutors should keep going after illicit contracts: An editorial** on October 15, 2011, 9:11AM



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Posted on **NOPD consent decree to aim at profound, long-lasting change** on October 16, 2011, 9:28AM

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 Posted on [Federal consent decree will aim to change culture of the New Orleans Police Department](#) on September 12, 2011, 9:55PM


 Yea, I hear the Jetsons will be hosting the welcome home party. But here is a serious, but unbidden suggestion for the management of the NOPD. There should be a careful analysis of all the officers who have been convicted of state or federal felonies and examine HOW they got hired. What were their qualifications? Who did their background check, if one was done at all? What kind of student they were in high school and at the police academy? If they had previous employment, what kind of work ethic did they have? There's more, but you get what I am aiming at---past behavior is a pure indicator of future performance.  
 Posted on [Former New Orleans cop who admitted rapes sentenced to 210 years](#) on September 13, 2011, 9:22AM


 Get serious--Louisiana is an irrelevant state. Mary Landrieu notwithstanding. It doesn't matter if he was there or not, but it gives the liberals at the TP something to shoot at. YAWN.  
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 Lil' Steph?  
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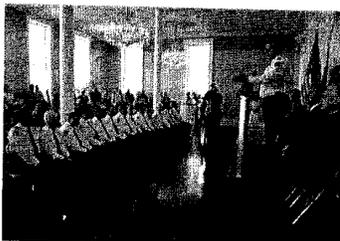
# Reader comment: Time for Mayor Mitch Landrieu to decide if he controls NOPD, or viceversa

By Times-Picayune Staff  
on May 04, 2011 at 1:20 PM, updated May 04, 2011 at 1:21 PM

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Responding to Laura Maggi's story "Police commander disputes findings in NOPD's 8th District report," reader legacyusa commented in part:



Chris Granger, The Times-Picayune  
New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, right, listens to Police Superintendent Ronal Serpas, at podium, as he announces that 16 NOPD veteran officers, left seated, will take on new leadership positions of "police commander" in March.

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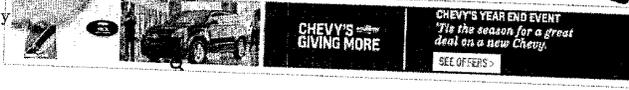
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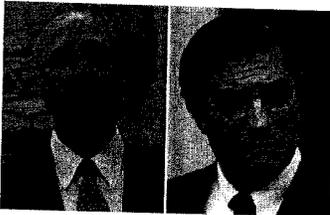
# Mayor Mitch Landrieu calls federal prosecutor Sal Perricone's resignation 'justified'

By Frank Donzo, The Times-Picayune  
on March 20, 2012 at 12:30 PM, updated March 20, 2012 at 1:08 PM

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New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu on Tuesday called the recent resignation of federal prosecutor Sal Perricone "justified." "It was appropriate," the mayor said. "Sal had a very serious problem."

Perricone resigned his post amid a firestorm over his use of an online alias to post a range of comments criticizing judges, politicians and others, including some that are under investigation by the U.S. Attorney Jim Letten's office.



New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, left, on Tuesday said federal prosecutor Sal Perricone's resignation was "justified."

Letten said Perricone, who is 60 and was hired in 1991, was eligible for retirement and exercised that option.

He referred a slew of other questions, including Perricone's salary, retirement and pension benefits, to the Department of Justice in Washington D.C.

Perricone had commented regularly at [NOLA.com](http://www.nola.com) on negotiations of a consent decree between the U.S. Justice Department and New Orleans police. At the same time, he served as Letten's liaison to the consent-decree talks.

Landrieu on Tuesday called the decree a "serious document" and vowed that work on it will continue, though he did not say whether he thinks its completion will be delayed by

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the Perricone affair.

"This is a hiccup in the process," the mayor said, "but we will battle through it."

**Landrieu on Friday** said he was "very concerned that some of those negotiations may have been poisoned, really, by an attitude and a mindset that doesn't seem to reflect, to me, necessarily the view of the U.S. attorney or the president of the United States."

"I'm uncomfortable about (Perricone's) presence (in the consent-decree negotiations), not only going forward but what has happened in the last year and I think we'll just have to work through that issue," Landrieu said last week.

"As you know, those are very aggressive and contentious discussions. They're very important because it's a commitment that's going to last for a very, very long period of time, so we have to get it right. I know everybody wants us to go fast, and getting it done quickly is important, but getting it done right is more important."

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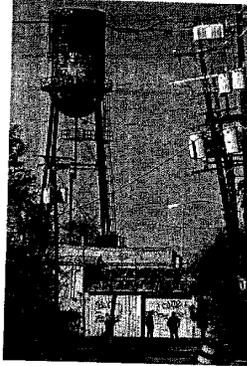
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