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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY BROWN APPOINTS
EIGHT NEW ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS**
Spring Class of 2007 Begins Intensive Training Program

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today the appointment of eight Assistant District Attorneys. The new prosecutors were sworn-in yesterday at a ceremony in the District Attorney's Office.

District Attorney Brown said, "These young men and women were hired after a highly selective recruitment process that I established soon after I became the District Attorney. They are bright young professionals from some of the nation's finest law schools who have elected to enter public service – half of whom are transitioned from private practice. I am proud to appoint them to serve the people of Queens County. I know that they will serve with distinction."

The new assistants will begin their prosecutorial careers with an intensive training course supervised by Executive Assistant District Attorney for Legal Affairs Gary S. Fidel and led by Assistant District Attorneys Kevin M. Duddy, Director of Trial Advocacy, and Jennifer N. Naiburg, Deputy Director of Trial Advocacy.

Over the next several weeks, the new assistant district attorneys will add to their knowledge of the law through lectures, courtroom observation and mock hearings. They will also receive practical, hands-on experience by going out on patrol with police officers, participating in simulations at the New York Police Department's Tactics House and studying firearms at the Police Department's outdoor firing range. The course also includes visits to correctional institutions.

Initially, the new assistants will be assigned to the District Attorney's Criminal Court/Intake Bureau, following which they will be offered the opportunity to serve in the offices of the Appeals Bureau and Investigations Division. Thereafter, they will receive further training prior to being assigned to the District Attorney's Supreme Court Trial Bureau or one of the office's many specialized units.

The new prosecutors and the law schools from which they graduated are:

Brooke Barnes	Columbia University School of Law
Patricia Diaz	Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center
Tara DiGregorio	Hofstra University School of Law
Anjula Garg	Case Western Reserve University School of Law
Gregory Lenti	Fordham University School of Law
Julie Mirman	Southwestern Law School
Michael Schindhelm	St. John's University School of Law
Matthew Sweet	Michigan State University College of Law

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