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**D.A. BROWN ANNOUNCES DEPUTY CHIEF OF HIS APPEALS BUREAU  
AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS THOMAS E. DEWEY MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING WORK**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that Assistant District Attorney Johnnette Traill, Deputy Chief of his Appeals Bureau, is the Queens County winner of the third annual Thomas E. Dewey Medal.

The award is given every year by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York to an outstanding assistant district attorney in each of the city's five District Attorney's offices. Assistant District Attorney Traill accepted the award at a ceremony at the Association's headquarters in Manhattan on Thursday evening, November 29, 2007, which was attended by many of her colleagues.

District Attorney Brown said, "I'm pleased that such a dedicated prosecutor as Johnnette Traill is this year's Dewey Medal winner in Queens. Her contribution to this office cannot be measured just by the individual cases for which she has been responsible. She has significantly contributed to the transformation of this office into one of the most professional prosecutorial offices in the state."

District Attorney Brown said that Assistant District Attorney Traill has advised trial attorneys from the Homicide Trials Bureau, Domestic Violence Bureau and Special Victims Bureau regarding important legal issues, often in emergency situations or as second-seat at trial. She joined the District Attorney's office in 1992 after graduating from Albany Law School.

Assistant District Attorney Traill has briefed, argued and edited more than four hundred criminal appeals and federal habeas corpus cases, including seventy-seven homicides, as both appellate and respondent, in the Appellate Division, Second Department, the New York Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Among prosecutors in New York County, Thomas E. Dewey is remembered as having ushered in the era in which the District Attorney's office has been staffed by professional prosecutors chosen on merit rather than through political patronage. Dewey first came to the public's attention as a prosecutor in the 1930s, instituting successful criminal proceedings against gangsters, bootleggers and organized crime figures of the day. By 1937, Dewey was elected District Attorney of New York County, where he served one term before resigning to run for governor.

Previous recipients of the award in Queens were: Anthony Communiello, Bureau Chief, Special Proceedings Bureau (2006) and Scott Kessler, Bureau Chief, Domestic Violence Bureau (2005).

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