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NAMES ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY SCOTT I. MENDELSON
RECIPIENT OF THE 18th ANNUAL HAL MILLER WEINSTEIN MEMORIAL AWARD

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that Assistant District Attorney Scott I. Mendelsohn has been named the recipient of the Queens District Attorney's Office's eighteenth annual Hal Miller Weinstein Memorial Award.

District Attorney Brown said, "Each year this award is presented to a member of our first-year class who most exemplifies and embodies Hal Weinstein's exceptional spirit, his boundless enthusiasm and deep commitment to public service. Hal was a personally engaging young man who touched the lives of many of us here in this office. His warmth and friendship were felt by all of us who had the privilege and honor of knowing him. The professionalism and career promise demonstrated by Scott Mendelsohn over the past year, as well as his deep commitment to the office, truly exemplify those personal qualities representative of Hal Weinstein."

In a ceremony held today in the District Attorney's third-floor conference room, District Attorney Brown presented the award to Assistant District Attorney Mendelsohn. The award was created in 1992 in memory of Assistant District Attorney Hal Miller Weinstein whose life so full of promise was tragically cut short in April of that year as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. As a first-year prosecutor with the office, Hal was highly respected by his friends, colleagues and senior staff for his dedication and commitment to public service. The award was created to stand as a lasting tribute to his memory.

Among those present at today's ceremony were the late Assistant District Attorney's uncle, Queens Supreme Court Justice Jeremy S. Weinstein, Administrative Judge of the Civil Term of the Queens Supreme Court, his brother, Lloyd, who is also an attorney, and his nephew, Alexander, Lloyd's son. Also in attendance were members of the Class of 2008, as well as the Executive Staff of the District Attorney's Office. In addition, members of Mr. Mendelsohn's family were in attendance.

Assistant District Attorney Mendelsohn obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in 2005 and received his Juris Doctorate degree in 2008 from the University of Maryland School of Law. Prior to joining the Queens District Attorney's Office, Mr. Mendelsohn clerked for the Honorable Allyne R. Ross, United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and served as a legal intern with District Attorney Brown's Special Proceedings Bureau.

Assistant District Attorney Mendelsohn is presently assigned to the District Attorney's Criminal Court/Intake Bureau.

Previous recipients of the award are: John W. Kosinski (Class of 1991), Shawn Kerby (Class of 1992), Joseph K. Donovan (Class of 1993), Lisa A. Drury (Class of 1994), Kelly E. Cardany (Class of 1995), Shawn Clark (Class of 1996), Patricia A. Malloy (Class of 1997), Kristin L. Cocco and Gabriel Tapalaga (Class of 1998), Courtney L. Goodloe (Class of 1999), Rosemary Chao (Class of 2000), Anthony Como and Tara Coughlin (Class of 2001), William R. King (Class of 2002), Jasmine H. Chang (Class of 2003), Kristin J. Fraser (Class of 2004), Aisha S. Greene (Class of 2005), Suzanne D. O'Hare (Class of 2006) and Tara A. Digregorio (Class of 2007).

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