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QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY RICHARD A. BROWN
APPOINTS TEN NEW ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
Class of 2009 Concludes Intensive Training Program

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today the appointment of ten law school graduates as Assistant District Attorneys. The District Attorney marked the conclusion of their initial training with a luncheon attended by the members of the class as well as members of his Senior Staff.

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. I am proud to appoint them to serve the people of Queens County. I know that they will serve with distinction."

The new assistants began 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 Attorney Kevin M. Duddy, Director of Trial Advocacy, and Jennifer L. Naiburg, Deputy Director of Trial Advocacy.

Over the past several weeks, the new assistant district attorneys added to their knowledge of the law through lectures, courtroom observation and mock hearings. They also received 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 and alternative sentencing programs.

These new assistants will be assigned to the Criminal Court/Intake Bureau. After which, they will be offered the opportunity for assignments in the Appeals Bureau and the Investigations Division. Thereafter, they will enter an intensive trial training program prior to being assigned to the Supreme Court Trial Bureau.

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

Kathryn Brittle	Hofstra University School of Law
Scottie Celestin	George Washington University Law School
Melissa Kelly	City University of New York School of Law
Nicole M. Lane	St John's University School of Law
Andres A. Munoz	New York Law School
Arsenio D. Rodriguez	George Washington University Law School
Jonathan A. Selkove	Brooklyn Law School
Timothy J. Shortt	Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Touro College
Erin M. Shute	American University, Washington College of Law
Allison M. Warga	St. John's University School of Law

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