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Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark announced today that she has appointed Patrice O’Shaughnessy as the Director of Public Information for the Bronx District Attorney’s Office.

As a reporter, writer, columnist and editor, Ms. O’Shaughnessy has been covering news events for the past three decades, including some of the most significant stories of modern New York City history. Ms. O’Shaughnessy has particular knowledge of crime reporting, and is familiar with police procedure, the courts, and Bronx communities.

Ms. O’Shaughnessy was born, reared, and educated in the Bronx. She graduated from Fordham University in 1980 with a degree in communications/journalism, and began her career in the Bronx, covering crime, the courts and neighborhoods for the New York Daily News. She later returned to the Bronx as The News’ Bureau Chief.

She was assigned to the Daily News’ Police Headquarters Bureau and Manhattan Federal Court and then for 15 years was a Sunday feature writer, covering stories around the City, the nation and the globe. She also wrote a weekly column “Around the Bronx” and, beginning in 1993, a monthly “Hero of the Month” feature on civil servants. She also authored essays for *New York’s Bravest: Eight Decades of Photographs from the Daily News (2002)*.

Ms. O’Shaughnessy’s work has been nationally recognized. The faculty of Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism honored Ms. O’Shaughnessy by naming her the 1998 recipient of the Mike Berger award, which honors “thought-provoking human-interest reporting about the lives of ordinary people.” She also was part of the Daily News Staff that was recognized as a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2002 “[f]or its vivid and detailed on-scene coverage of the September 11th terrorist attacks on New York City.”

Ms. O’Shaughnessy has received awards from the Associated Press, the Society of Silurians, the Newswomen of New York and the New York Press Club. She also has engaged in free-lance writing and editing, worked with elected officials, and served as an adjunct journalism professor.