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BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY DARCEL D. CLARK ANNOUNCES KEY APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING NEW CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS

Chiefs of New Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau and New Conviction Integrity Unit Also Appointed

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced a series of key appointments to her staff.

District Attorney Clark said, “These veteran attorneys bring invaluable experience to pivotal initiatives I am launching, including Rikers Island reform and conviction review. Three of them began their legal careers as prosecutors in this Office, and we welcome them back to help us ensure swift, certain justice in the Bronx.”

Jean T. Walsh will join the Bronx District Attorney’s Executive Staff as Chief of the Investigations Division. In that capacity she will oversee the new Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau, the Public Integrity Bureau, the Special Investigations Unit and other investigative bureaus.

Ms. Walsh most recently served as Deputy Superintendent of Banks for the New York State Department of Financial Services, where she oversaw units that investigate violations of banking law, interacted with federal banking regulators, and coordinated criminal investigations with federal and local law enforcement agencies.

Prior to that position, Ms. Walsh was Vice President/Senior Audit Manager for Bank of America, and Managing Director, Office of the General Counsel/Market Surveillance at the New York Stock Exchange. She has also served as Deputy Inspector General at the New York State Office of the Inspector General, and was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York. She also held supervisory positions as an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx District Attorney’s Office.



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Deanna G. Logan will be Chief of the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau. She currently serves as Assistant Commissioner/Trials Litigation Division for the New York City Department of Correction, supervising trials and assisting with policy and other legal matters. She was director of Compliance for Barclays Capital; Managing Director, Office of the General Counsel at the New York Stock Exchange, and served in the New York County District Attorney's Office.

Wanda Perez-Maldonado will be Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau. She most recently was Deputy Chief of Special Investigations and Prosecutions Unit (SIPU) in the New York State Attorney General's Office, handling matters involving the death of unarmed civilians caused by law enforcement officers. She also served on the Organized Crime Task Force and in other positions in the AG's Office, and was a prosecutor in the Bronx District Attorney's Investigations Division.

Tarek A. Rahman will be Chief of the Special Investigations Unit. He most recently served as Deputy Bureau Chief, Organized Crime Task Force, in the New York State Attorney General's Office, and served in the AG's Auto Insurance Fraud Unit. He was an associate at Lester Schwab Katz and Dwyer and prior to that served in the Bronx District Attorney's Office.

Gina Mignola will be Chief of the Conviction Integrity Unit and Deputy Chief of the Appeals Bureau. She served in the New York County District Attorney's Office for 28 years, where her most recent position was Senior Appellate Counsel. She successfully argued or supervised more than 100 cases in the Appellate Division and won nine cases before the New York State Court of Appeals.

Seth Steed joins the Conviction Integrity Unit as an Assistant District Attorney. In his prior position as Appellate Counsel in The Legal Aid Society's Criminal Appeals Bureau, he reinvestigated 23 questionable Brooklyn murder convictions, including the recent exoneration of Vanessa Gathers. He also was a staff attorney for Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem.

The new Assistant District Attorneys will be joining the Office in the coming weeks.

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