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BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HIRES 64 ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark announced today the appointment of 64 new Assistant District Attorneys.

District Attorney Clark said, "These new additions to our growing legal staff will help ensure that the Bronx District Attorney's Office operates efficiently and professionally to bring swift, certain justice for all Bronx residents."

The new Assistant District Attorneys underwent an intensive two-week training program, which combined classroom lectures on criminal court practice and professional responsibility with courtroom observation and hands-on workshops, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Cari E. Ferreiro, Chief of the Litigation Training Unit, and Pishoy Yacoub, Deputy Director of the Litigation Training Unit .

Thirteen of these ADAs bring to the Bronx District Attorney's Office a broad range of experience. They include:

- Risa Gerson, who was the Director of Quality Enhancement for Appellate and Post-Conviction Representation at the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services, and who previously was the Director of the Reinvestigation Project at the Office of the Appellate Defender.

- Beverly M. Ma, who has more than 25 years of employment, commercial, insurance and general civil litigation experience.

- Efrat Sternberg-Urbelis, who prosecuted Domestic Violence cases at the Kings County District Attorney's Office.

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- Justin L. Thompson, most recently Associate Attorney at Ansa Assuncao LLP, also served in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG).

- John E. Valley, who most recently served as an Assistant Attorney General-Claims Bureau in the New York State Attorney General's Office.

- Joshua P. Weiss, who most recently served as Assistant Law Clerk to Hon. Judith Gische, Associate Justice of the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division First Department.

The 13 and their law schools are listed below:

Jonathan M. Boyce	Albany Law School
Christina K. Canto	Southern Methodist University
Shantelee N. Christie	Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Brian F. Francese	Case Western Reserve University School of Law
Risa Gerson	Brooklyn Law School
Beverly M. Ma	University of Colorado School of Law
Thomas Montella	St. John's University School of Law
Jade Newby	Brooklyn Law School
Jordan B. Rosenhaus	Brooklyn Law School
Efrat Sternberg-Urbelis	Hofstra University School of Law
Justin L. Thompson	Case Western Reserve University School of Law
John E. Valley	Pace University School of Law
Joshua Weiss	University at Buffalo School of Law

The additional 51 new Assistant District Attorneys and the law schools from which they recently graduated are listed below:

Sarah M. Al-Zoubi	Univ. of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Law
Sandra Alcaide	Regent University School of Law
Kristian D. Amundsen	Georgetown University Law Center
Paul Andersen	CUNY School of LAW
Sara Barlowe	Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
Anthony Beneduce Jr.	Brooklyn School of Law
Randall A. Bethke	Drexel University School of Law
Jaime Breslin	St. John's University School of Law
Nathaniel Broughty	CUNY School of Law
Kenneth Chambers Jr.	Howard University School of Law
Daniella Ciollo	St. John's University School of Law



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Brian H. Connor	Catholic University Columbus School of Law
Justin J. Davis	St. John's University School of Law
Elizabeth Desmond	St. John's University School of Law
Kelsey Edenzon	American University Washington College of Law
Vittoria Fiorenza	Pace University School of Law
Nicholas P. Garcia	Georgetown University Law Center
Michelle A. Greaux	Pace University School of Law
Devin B. Horzempa	Brooklyn Law School
Amanda Iannuzzi	St. John's University School of Law
Sonja M. Jamelo	St. John's University School of Law
Michael Jen	Georgetown University Law Center
Lawen Kokoyi	Brooklyn Law School
Leonard Leveille	CUNY School of Law
Danny Woong Lim	Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
Courtney Quong Lovell	CUNY School of Law
Ora L. Lupear	Brooklyn Law School
Michael O. Lynch	St. John's University School of Law
Joseph Maniscalco	Brooklyn Law School
Serena Newell	CUNY School of Law
Meghan S. O'Malley	Boston University School of Law
Caitlyn C. O'Neill	St. John's University School of Law
Olivia Orlando	Albany Law School
Shauna Payyappilly	University of Washington School of Law - Seattle
Brittany Richardson	Pace University School of Law
Jennifer Seeba	George Washington University Law School
Jeff Shi	Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
Benjamin Silver	Brooklyn Law School
John H. Small Jr.	Hofstra University School of Law
Erin Teresky	St. John's University School of Law
Gabriel Torres	Howard University School of Law
Ifeoma M. Ukwubiwe	Rutgers University School of Law - Newark
Nina A. Vershuta	Brooklyn Law School
Lourdes Vetrano	Villanova University School of Law
Jeannette M. Villeda	Touro College Fuchsberg Law Center
Tracy M. Williams	Boston University School of Law
Jie Jia Xiang	Fordham University School of Law
Samuel L. Yellen	Columbia University School of Law
Joshua M. Zarcone	Brooklyn Law School
Yini Zhang	University of Minnesota Law School
Allison L. Zimmerman	Brooklyn Law School