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**KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY KENNETH P. THOMPSON ANNOUNCES
APPOINTMENTS OF VETERAN PROSECUTOR LEROY FRAZER, JR. AS CHIEF OF STAFF AND
COLEEN BALBERT AS CHIEF OF SEX CRIMES**

*District Attorney Thompson's Appointees Bring to the Office Well-Regarded Career Track Records, New
Enthusiasm and Exceptional Legal Skills in Prosecution and Law Enforcement*

BROOKLYN, NY – Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson announced today the appointments of Leroy Frazer, Jr. as Chief of Staff, and Coleen Balbert as Chief of Sex Crimes. Mr. Frazer joins Thompson's administration after serving 34 years in the New York County District Attorney's Office. Ms. Balbert also worked in the New York County District Attorney's Office as Deputy Chief of the Sex Crimes Unit.

As Executive Assistant District Attorney for External Affairs in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, Mr. Frazer supervised the Office of Legislative Affairs and the Community Affairs Unit. He also served as the Coordinator of the New York State Law Enforcement Council and Legislative Secretary for the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York. Mr. Frazer joined the Office in 1980, serving initially as an assistant district attorney in the Trial Division where he prosecuted street crime cases ranging from larcenies to homicides.

"District Attorney Thompson's choice of Leroy Frazer as his Chief of Staff is first-rate," said **former New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau**. "He is an outstanding lawyer and prosecutor, and is respected not only by his colleagues, the defense bar and judiciary, but also by community leaders. He will be a great asset to the Kings County District Attorney's Office."

Ms. Balbert served as Deputy Chief of the Sex Crimes Unit in the New York County District Attorney's Office where she supervised more than 50 assistant district attorneys, investigators and support staff in their handling of all sexual assault and human trafficking cases. Her role also included conducting inter-office training on investigation techniques, trial strategy, medical and DNA evidence, as well as trainings for law enforcement and non-law enforcement agencies. In 1998, Ms. Balbert began her career as an assistant district attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office, where she was a member of the Trial Division until 2006.

"With the appointments of Leroy Frazer and Coleen Balbert, my administration continues to fulfill its commitment to legal excellence and high standards in prosecution and law enforcement," said **District Attorney Kenneth Thompson**. "Leroy Frazer is an outstanding prosecutor, with vast experience in law enforcement and management. Coleen Balbert is one of the finest sex crimes and human trafficking prosecutors in the country. In their roles within my administration, they will both be valuable members of the executive team and leaders in criminal justice. The people of Brooklyn will be well served by these critical appointments."

In December, District Attorney Thompson appointed Mark Feldman, a distinguished former state and federal prosecutor, as Chief Assistant.

The Kings County District Attorney's Office is one of the largest prosecutorial agencies in the nation, serving over 2.5 million people in Brooklyn. On November 5, 2013, District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson was elected to the Office, and he began his tenure on January 1, 2014.

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