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**D.A. Thompson Announces Appointment of Civil Rights Bureau Chief
and Creation of New Hate Crimes Unit**

Pledges To Protect The Great And Diverse Population Of Brooklyn

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson today announced his appointment of Assistant District Attorney Marc J. Fliedner as the Chief of his revamped Civil Rights Bureau. ADA Fliedner will also oversee the newly created Hate Crimes Unit within the Bureau.

District Attorney Thompson said, "I am fully confident that with the assistance and leadership of ADA Fliedner I will accomplish one of my most important goals: To give the people of Brooklyn the best Civil Rights Bureau in the United States. ADA Fliedner's vast prosecutorial experience and commitment to civil rights makes him eminently qualified to serve as chief of the Civil Rights Bureau."

"Brooklyn is a great and diverse place to live, work or visit, and where the civil rights and dignity of all must be respected," the District Attorney said.

"The Hate Crimes Unit will proactively investigate and prosecute crimes committed based on a belief or perception about a victim's race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, disability or sexual orientation," he added.

ADA Fliedner joined KCDA in 1987 and later served as a supervisor in the Sex Crimes and Special Victims Unit. He left the office in 1992 to work as a prosecutor in New Jersey, and later worked as a senior litigator at a private law firm.

ADA Fliedner returned to KCDA in 2006, to Sex Crimes, spent four years prosecuting cases in the Homicide Bureau and became Chief of the Major Narcotics Investigations Bureau in 2011. He also serves as the office's liaison to the LGBTQ community.

Among his many accomplishments, ADA Fliedner last year successfully prosecuted and convicted two leaders of the Wave Gang, which wreaked violence and havoc on the streets of

Brownsville. Both defendants were convicted of murder and other crimes and are serving 50-to-life and 25-to-life sentences.

“I couldn’t be more pleased by this appointment. I would like to thank DA Thompson for giving me this great opportunity to serve the people of Brooklyn in this important position. I am determined to help make the Civil Rights Bureau in the Brooklyn DA’s office the finest in the country,” ADA Fliedner said.