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**THE CCRB AND THE NYPD ANNOUNCE PILOT PROSECUTION PROJECT**

Today, the New York Police Department (NYPD) and the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) jointly announced a pilot project in which CCRB attorneys will second seat NYPD prosecutors in disciplinary trials of CCRB cases.

Previously, only civilian lawyers employed by the NYPD's Department Advocate's Office prosecuted department disciplinary cases. Under the pilot project, a CCRB attorney will act as supporting counsel to the assigned Department prosecutor. This joint venture was undertaken to ensure that both agencies work cooperatively towards the successful adjudication of cases referred from the CCRB.

"We have launched this pilot project with the expectation of strengthening our mutual efforts by having CCRB and NYPD attorneys collaborate as cases go to trial," said Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly.

CCRB Executive Director Joan Thompson stated: "This pilot project provides a great foundation for enhancing cooperation and dialogue between the CCRB and NYPD regarding the CCRB's substantiated cases."

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