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**NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT TO HOST
EIGHTH ANNUAL “TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS & SONS TO WORK” DAY**

***EXCITING, INTERACTIVE DAY GIVES STUDENTS AN INSIDER’S LOOK AT PUBLIC SECTOR LEGAL CAREERS;
EVENTS CULMINATE IN MEET-AND-GREET WITH NEW YORK CITY’S TOP ATTORNEY, MICHAEL A. CARDOZO***

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New York, April 21, 2010 – The New York City Law Department will celebrate its Eighth Annual “Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day” tomorrow (Thurs., April 22nd). Each year, the Law Department’s specialized program offers school-aged children an inspiring view of potential legal careers in service of New York City. Reporters, photographers and news crews are invited to attend the day’s activities. (Event details are contained at the end of the release).

Approximately 100 children aged 8 through 18 will attend the day-long event at the Law Department’s headquarters at 100 Church St. as well as our borough offices in Brooklyn, the Bronx, Staten Island and Queens.

For the first time, the Law Department is delighted to welcome six young outside guests from the Fresh Youth Initiatives Washington Heights-based community program.

The theme of this year’s event is “1 Youth, 1 Dream, 2morrow’s Leader” – capitalizing on the enormous potential of young people’s ideas and visions to shape tomorrow’s world. Ann Marie Yarde, the event’s annual lead organizer, caters the day’s activities to a young audience.

The program begins with a group breakfast and follows with special guest speaker Gregg Bethel, Executive Director of the Office of Postsecondary Pathways and Planning at the Department of Education. The children will then tour the courts and meet judges. Afterwards, they will try on real-life legal roles as attorneys, witnesses and jury members in a special mock trial tailored to their age ranges and led by Law Department attorneys. The younger children will tackle the case of a missing Dalmatian, while older teens will contemplate a more serious drug arrest matter. The day’s activities culminate with a special presentation of the title of Honorary Assistant Corporation Counsel certificates to all participants by Corporation Counsel Michael Cardozo himself.

“We are thrilled to welcome all of our young visitors to the Law Department tomorrow,” said Yarde. “Each year we look for creative ways to peak the students’ interest in the public sector and to help show them that legal work is an exciting and meaningful career option.”

Haley Stein, who organized the mock trial portion of the day, added, “One of the best parts about tomorrow’s events is that our employees are not just talking to children but rather interacting with them and allowing them to experience what it’s like to work in this field.”

The Corporation Counsel said, "I'm particularly proud of the dedication and enthusiasm our office has for this very special day. We aim to convey to students how rewarding and varied our work can be, and we hope to inspire them to think about using their talents and abilities in service of New York City."

The Law Department could not host this event each year without the energetic and enthusiastic assistance of those who helped plan and coordinate the activities. Additional thanks to Maritza Cabrera, Helaine Dean, Bridget Eichinger, Gabriella Padilla, and Shevar Whittaker, who all contributed in pivotal ways.

Since 2003, the Law Department has provided children with a formal program that is both educational and stimulating. The various field trips and onsite activities increase their knowledge of the legal profession and support staff positions in the public service sector.

Photos & Press Opportunities

Photo and press opportunities will be available throughout the day, or we can e-mail you photos after the event for your publication. Please contact Kate O'Brien Ahlers or Liz Thomas in the Law Department's press office at the number or e-mail address above to inquire.

Event Details

Location: New York City Law Department, 100 Church Street, Manhattan

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The New York City Law Department is one of the oldest, largest and most dynamic law offices in the world, ranking among the top three largest law offices in New York City and the top three largest public law offices in the country. Tracing its roots back to the 1600's, the Department has an active caseload of 90,000 matters and transactions in 17 legal divisions. The Corporation Counsel heads the Law Department and acts as legal counsel for the Mayor, elected officials, the City and all its agencies. The Department's 690 attorneys represent the City on a vast array of civil litigation, legislative and legal issues and in the criminal prosecution of juveniles. For more information, please visit nyc.gov/law.

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