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**LAW DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY COURT DIVISION LAUNCHES
NEW PUBLIC WEBSITE**

***SITE PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE LAW DEPT.'S JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
AND INTERSTATE CHILD SUPPORT PROCESSES***

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New York, August 14, 2013 – The Law Department's Family Court Division today announced the launch of a new website that will serve as a resource for the general public. The website provides helpful information on two core functions handled by the Family Court Division – juvenile delinquency prosecutions and interstate child support matters.

The new site can be accessed at nyc.gov/LawDepartmentFC or via the Law Department's main website, nyc.gov/law.

"This is a terrific new resource that explains the juvenile delinquency and interstate child support processes to the public, including to people who may have involvement in one of these matters or who may be victims of delinquent acts," said New York City Corporation Counsel Michael A. Cardozo.

The Law Department's Family Court Division works directly with the public and consists of two units:

- The **Juvenile Delinquency Prosecution Unit** investigates juvenile delinquency matters that are referred to the office and prosecutes the matters where appropriate. These matters involve youth ages 7 to 15 who have been arrested for alleged conduct that would constitute a crime if they were adults.
- The **Interstate Child Support Unit** appears on behalf of out-of-state custodial parent petitioners who are seeking to establish paternity and obtain child support from New York City residents. In addition, a custodial parent who lives in New York City may seek the Unit's assistance in filing for child support from a parent who lives outside the state or the country.

The Family Court Division is overseen by Division Chief Angela Albertus and Deputy Chief Jennifer Gilroy Ruiz. In 2012, the Division handled more than 6,800 juvenile delinquency referrals and approximately 5,400 new Interstate Child Support cases.

The New York City Law Department is one of the oldest, largest and most dynamic law offices in the world. Tracing its roots back to the 1600's, the Department's 650-plus lawyers handle more than 80,000 cases and transactions each year in 17 separate 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 attorneys represent the City on a vast array of civil litigation, legislative and legal issues and in the prosecution of juvenile delinquency matters. For more information, please visit nyc.gov/law.

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