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

STUDENTS GET A GLIMPSE OF PUBLIC-SERVICE LEGAL CAREERS, THROUGH MOCK TRIAL EXERCISES, COURTROOM VISITS AND A MEET-AND-GREET WITH THE CITY’S TOP ATTORNEY, MICHAEL A. CARDOZO

REPORTERS AND / OR TV CREWS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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New York, April 27, 2011 – The New York City Law Department will celebrate its Ninth Annual “Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day” tomorrow (Thurs., April 28th). Each year, the Law Department hosts school-aged children for a day packed with interactive activities and educational speakers. Reporters, photographers and news crews are invited to attend the day’s activities. (*Event details are contained at the end of the release*).

The event will draw around 120 children aged 8 through 18, with attendees spending the day at the Law Department’s headquarters at 100 Church Street in Manhattan or one of its borough offices in Brooklyn, the Bronx, Staten Island and Queens. This year’s theme is “Inventing the Future.”

“We’re really excited about this year’s theme, which alludes to the powerful role students can play in building the future of their communities,” said Ann Marie Yarde of the Law Department, who organizes the program each year. “Our goal is to demonstrate to them how compelling and rewarding it is to direct their energy toward public service work.”

The program begins with a group breakfast and special outside speaker Marshall A. Kaminer, Staten Island Borough Commissioner for Department of Buildings. The children will then break into small groups to meet judges and tour the courts.

The afternoon program involves a special mock trial activity, with students playing attorney, witness or jury roles. The cases are appropriately tailored to students’ ages and led by Law Department attorneys. The younger children will tackle *People v. Woody*, based on the film *Toy Story*, while older teens will work on an issue related to weapons possession in a school.

Haley Stein, who organized the mock trial portion of the day, noted, “Each year we’re amazed at how active and involved the children are throughout the day. Our goal is to expose them to new opportunities.”

Corporation Counsel Michael Cardozo will speak to the attendees at the end of the day and present them with a special title: Honorary Corporation Counsel.

The Corporation Counsel said, “I’m so proud that our office is dedicated to teaching students about the value of a career in public service. I think we’ve been able to generate a lot of enthusiasm for the work our office does on a daily basis, and I look forward to another successful event tomorrow.”

The Law Department could not host this event each year without a team of volunteers. Special thanks goes to Tanisha Byron, a member of the Law Department's Diversity Committee, who will be addressing the importance of diversity and acceptance to the office, and to all aspects of life.

Additionally, Department members Maritza Cabrera, Susan Haddad, Helaine Dean, Jamel Browne, Aida Garcia, Jillian Gbidi, St. Clair Seale and Gabriella Padilla all contributed to the event planning 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.

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