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**NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT HOSTS ITS SIXTH ANNUAL
“TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS & SONS TO WORK” DAY,
WITH ANTICIPATED RECORD TURNOUT OF OVER 230 KIDS**

***PROGRAM GIVES YOUNGSTERS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE;
EVENTS INCLUDE MOCK TRIALS, OFFICIAL LAW DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATES, AND
SPEECHES BY – AND PHOTOS WITH – THE CORPORATION COUNSEL AND OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS***

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New York, April 23, 2008 – The New York City Law Department will host its Sixth Annual “Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day” tomorrow (Thurs., April 24th) – and reporters, photographers and news crews are welcome to attend. 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 in the Law Department's press office at the number or e-mail address above.

The day will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as daughters, sons and friends of Law Department staff will participate in a wide array of activities at our offices. Approximately 130 children aged 8 to 18 are expected to attend at the Law Department's headquarters at 100 Church St. Another 100 children will participate in our borough offices in Brooklyn, the Bronx, Staten Island and Queens – for a total of about 230 children total at the Law Department, which is a record turnout.

This year's theme is “Making Choices for a Better World,” focusing on how the children can influence the world positively through their daily choices. Organizers Ann-Marie Yarde, Executive Assistant to the Corporation Counsel; Pia Wood, Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Family Court Division; and Haley Stein, Assistant Corporation Counsel of the Environmental Law Division, have planned the day's events. The program includes speeches by various members of the staff and special guest, including FBI agents and a member of the City's Parks Department. In addition, all of the children will be going on tours to various courts. To conclude the day, Cardozo will present Honorary Assistant Corporation Counsel certificates to all participants. (We are sending reporters our official “Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work” flier here, as well as a full schedule of the day's events.)

“This is such a special event for me every year. It is a wonderful opportunity for our office to introduce children to a professional legal office – and allow them to realize the impact their choices in life can have,” said Yarde.

Wood noted, “We feel the day's events will allow the kids to realize they can be whatever they want in life.” Stein added, “It also shows that they can develop their potential to succeed in any career, including in the legal arena.”

“Ann-Marie Yarde, Pia Wood and Haley Stein once again have created an engaging day that will challenge the youngsters' intellect and creativity,” Cardozo noted. “It will also give them an a glimpse into

careers in legal service – be it as lawyers, paralegals, legal clerks, administrative assistants, computer specialists or other roles. We are thrilled to announce a record turnout for this year.”

Since 2003, the Law Department has provided children with a formal program that is both educational and stimulating. The various onsite and field trips and activities increase their knowledge of the legal profession and support staff positions in the public service sector. Law Department employees are always enthusiastic about “Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day.” Many dozens of employees, both attorneys and support staff, have volunteered their time to make sure the day runs smoothly. “The day is not only for the children, it is also for the parents and adults. Adults have the opportunity to give these kids a sense of what they do in their careers – and what we do here,” Corporation Counsel Cardozo noted.

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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