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**NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT HOSTS ITS FOURTH ANNUAL
“TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS & SONS TO WORK DAY”**

***PROGRAM OFFERS YOUTHS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE;
EVENTS INCLUDE MOCK TRIALS, SPEECHES BY – AND PHOTOS WITH – THE CORPORATION COUNSEL;
TOURS OF LAW DEPARTMENT CLIENTS LIKE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT;
AND PRESENTATIONS OF HONORARY LAW DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATES***

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New York, April 25, 2006 – On Thurs., April 27, 2006, the New York City Law Department will host its Fourth Annual “Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day.” From 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., daughters, sons and friends of Law Department staff will participate in a wide array of activities at our offices. Approximately 150 children aged 8 to 17 are expected to attend, and media and photographers are welcome.

This year’s theme is “A New Generation at Work,” focusing on educating our children to their choices in the workplace, especially in the legal area. Organizers Ann-Marie Yarde, Executive Assistant to the Corporation Counsel, and Pia Wood, Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Contracts & Real Estate Division, have planned the day’s events. The program includes speeches by various members of the staff, tours of the Law Department offices, visits to Ladder 1 Firehouse and the NYPD Museum, informal sessions in which the children can speak to both Law Department employees and their peers, 14 mock trials (in which kids will participate in age-appropriate cases), and remarks by Corporation Counsel Michael A. Cardozo. To conclude the day, Cardozo will present Honorary Assistant Corporation Counsel certificates to all participants.

“I look forward to this event every year. It is a great chance for our office to expose these children to the wide array of possibilities in a legal office,” said Yarde. Wood adds, “With the many different events that are planned for the day, we hope to help kids realize their own potential to succeed in any career they chose to pursue.”

“Ann-Marie Yarde and Pia Wood have put together an innovative program for the children,” Cardozo noted. “This will offer them an exciting glimpse into careers in legal service, be it as lawyers, paralegals, legal clerks, administrative assistants, computer specialists or other support roles.”

Since 2003, the Law Department has provided children with a formal program that is both educational and stimulating. The various 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 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 expose the children close to them a look into their careers, allowing kids to learn what they

do here,” added Cardozo, reflecting on the event’s past success.

This year, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and breakfast at which the children will have a chance to meet each other in an informal setting. Heidi Grossman, the Deputy Division Chief for the Special Federal Litigation Division, will then speak with the group about how she came to be a lawyer. Afterwards, the younger children will go on tours of the NYPD Museum or the local firehouse. The older children will participate in a presentation by a representative from the Personnel Department, who will speak about job opportunities, including positions for paralegals, clerks, stenographers, messengers and computer specialists.

Everyone will then meet back at the 100 Church Street offices for lunch. Following lunch, Law Department attorneys will lead mock court arguments in which children will split up into 14 groups, handling cases tailored to their age brackets. At day’s end, all children will be treated to a dessert hour and receive a personal certificate making them an “Honorary Assistant Corporation Counsel.” Cardozo will speak to the children, and all participants will have a photo-op with the Corporation Counsel. During that time, they will receive memorabilia from our office.

Reporters, photographers or news crews who would like to attend the event can contact the Law Department’s Media & Communications Assistant, Kim Miu, who will be coordinating press for the day. She can be reached at (212) 788-0415 or kmiu@law.nyc.gov. Alternatively, you can also contact the Media & Communications Director, Kate O’Brien Ahlers, at (212) 788-0400 or kahlers@law.nyc.gov for further information. Photo and press opportunities will be available throughout the day.

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’s 650-plus lawyers handle more than 90,000 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 criminal prosecution of juveniles. Its web site can be accessed through the City government home page at www.nyc.gov or via direct link at www.nyc.gov/html/law/home.html.

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