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NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT INVITES CHILDREN TO FIFTH ANNUAL “TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS & SONS TO WORK DAY”

***PROGRAM OFFERS YOUTHS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE;
EVENTS INCLUDE COURT SESSIONS, SPEECHES BY – AND PHOTOS WITH – THE CORPORATION COUNSEL;
A TOUR OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN;
AND PRESENTATIONS OF HONORARY LAW DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATES***

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New York, April 25, 2007 – The New York City Law Department will be hosting its Fifth Annual “Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day” tomorrow. This year’s theme is “Revolutionizing the Workplace” through innovation, impact and implementation. Each of these ideas provides children with a different goal – to consider their future individual roles at work, home and in their communities; to identify changes that are needed to better these areas; and to encourage individual freedom in the workplace. Organizers Ann-Marie Yarde, Executive Assistant to the Corporation Counsel, and Pia Wood, Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Contracts & Real Estate Division, have coordinated the day’s events.

Beginning in 2003, the Law Department has provided children with a formal program that allows them to experience career opportunities in the public service sector, while increasing their knowledge of the legal field. In continuing the successful program, daughters, sons and friends of Law Department staff will participate in a wide array of activities at our offices from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Approximately 100 children aged 8 to 17 are expected to attend, and media and photographers are welcome.

“This year, we have planned a variety of events designed to cater to the varying age range of the children. We believe it is important to capture the interest of younger children through numerous educational activities, while exposing older children to the dynamic legal processes throughout the public service system,” remarked Yarde. Wood added, “With the different events planned for the day, we feel the children will be given the opportunity to learn about the wide variety of available positions in the legal workplace.”

Corporation Counsel Michael Cardozo has been an important contributor to the past events, and he is looking forward to this year’s upcoming festivities. “Each year, the event proves to be more and more successful. Ann-Marie and Pia have continually coordinated memorable activities for both the children and parents,” Cardozo explained. “This year’s events will reveal to the participants the value of a diverse and cultivated workplace.”

The day will include a continental breakfast with welcoming remarks from esteemed public servants; guest speakers; tours of our office and local courts; distribution of participation & honorary ACC certificates; a closing ceremony; and a desert hour with remarks by the Corporation Counsel. The day will also include a visit to the National Museum of the American Indian for the younger children and a tour of a courthouse from participating judges for the older children. Later in the day, Law Department attorneys will lead host mock court arguments in which children will split up into groups, handling cases tailored to their age brackets.

Speakers planned for the day include Laurence Busching, Chief of the Family Court Division, and Jennaydra Cunis, Assistant Corporation Counsel. They will speak to the children about their role in the Law Department, their educational backgrounds, personal backgrounds as it relates to their childhood career aspirations or role models, and how this has influenced their careers in the Law Department.

Reporters, photographers or news crews who would like to attend the event can contact the Law Department's Media Office at (212) 788-0400 or media@law.nyc.gov. 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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