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**NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT APPOINTS
LEGAL TECH EXPERT TO NEW CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER POSITION**

***CORPORATION COUNSEL CREATES NEW ROLE TO EXPAND AND PROMOTE TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES IN
DAILY CITY BUSINESS AND LEGAL WORK.***

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New York, November 1, 2002 -- The New York City Law Department today announced the appointment of John R. (Jack) Hupper, Jr., to the new post of Chief Information Officer (CIO). Hupper's appointment spearheads a Law Department initiative to expand the role of technology in its daily work, and to streamline and modernize the way the Department does business.

Hupper, a litigation and technology veteran at the Law Department, leaves his current position as Senior Counsel for Information Technology in order to take up this new role created under the Bloomberg Administration. The Administration has made it a priority to mesh the advancements of the corporate world with City government's initiatives.

Corporation Counsel Michael A. Cardozo, who praised Hupper's technology expertise and devotion to his work, said he saw the growing need for this role. "Jack has been intimately involved with many of the Law Department's technology initiatives over the years and has advised the City administration on such projects as e-government, digital signatures and the NYC.gov web site," Cardozo said.

Current departments that relate to information technology will now report directly to the CIO. Hupper plans to focus on creating a more modern case management system, bringing in document management, increasing user education and use of the Law Department's Intranet, allowing employees to use Law Department's systems from home and continuing to stabilize the network infrastructure. According to Hupper, these initiatives will help lawyers and staff be more effective in handling City legal and business matters and in allocating their time.

"I hope to make Law Department's computer systems more akin to those at leading law firms," Hupper said. "We have more than 650 lawyers and are one of New York City's largest legal entities. We must meet our colleagues' need to use our systems as effectively and efficiently as possible."

Hupper graduated from Columbia Law School in 1982 and was a litigator for Milbank, Tweed, Hadley McCloy before joining the Affirmative Litigation Division at the Law Department in 1986. In 1998, he was promoted to Counsel for Information Technology and then to Senior Counsel for Information Technology, the position he held before assuming his current role.

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 100,000 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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