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KURIANSKY NAMES DOI DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1999 -- EDWARD J. KURIANSKY, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced the promotion of PETER M. BLOCH to Deputy Commissioner for Investigations. Mr. Bloch, who formerly served as an Assistant Commissioner, succeeds Kevin J. Ford, who resigned recently to join Goldman Sachs International as Executive Director and Counsel in its London office.

Commissioner Kuriansky said, "Peter Bloch has had a long and distinguished career as a public servant, having previously held important positions in City, State, and federal government. He brings to his new post exceptionally sound judgment, a wealth of investigative experience, and a detailed knowledge of DOI and the law enforcement community."

In 1975, following federal clerkships with United States District Judges in both the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, Mr. Bloch joined the United States Attorney's Office in Manhattan, where he successfully investigated and prosecuted a host of criminal cases over the next six years. In 1981, Mr. Bloch joined the Office of the New York State Special Prosecutor for Medicaid Fraud Control, where he served as Regional Director-in-Charge of the 90-member New York City office. In 1995, he joined DOI as an Assistant Commissioner and since that time has played a key role in many significant investigations, including the Department of Buildings elevator inspectors corruption case and the recent report on the School Construction Authority concerning the tragic death of a teenager at P.S. 131.

Mr. Bloch graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude from the University of Rochester in 1968, and in 1973 received his law degree cum laude from the New York University School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and served as editor of the Review of Law and Social Change.