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DOI COMMISSIONER SPEAKS ON CORRUPTION CHALLENGES AT THE CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEGRITY AT COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Mark G. Peters, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), spoke today about his role as New York City's anti-corruption watchdog at the "Corruption in the 21st Century" conference hosted by the Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity ("CAPI") at Columbia Law School. The day-long conference featured panels on matters such as, how to enlist new technologies to enhance integrity, and methods for understanding corruption in an increasingly globalized world. Sitting alongside New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., and Special Counsel to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation David Harbach II, Commissioner Peters spoke on the panel, "View from the Front Lines: Current Corruption Challenges and Responses," and discussed his priorities for DOI and the agency's broad impact in City government and corruption fighting.

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "Fighting corruption is essential for a fair, accessible and democratic government and I'm proud to showcase New York City's commitment to these principles. The work we do ensures government serves its people well and fixes the problems that hinder its effectiveness. This conference highlights the wide spectrum of public integrity and the impact of our anti-corruption partners and colleagues."

The Department of Investigation partnered with Columbia Law School in 2013 to launch CAPI and create a resource center dedicated to bolstering municipal anti-corruption efforts, spur anti-corruption research, promote essential tools and best practices, and cultivate a professional network to share new developments and lessons learned.

DOI is one of the oldest law-enforcement agencies in the country. The agency investigates and refers for prosecution City employees and contractors engaged in corrupt or fraudulent activities or unethical conduct. Investigations may involve any agency, officer, elected official or employee of the City, as well as those who do business with or receive benefits from the City.