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DOI COMMISSIONER JOCELYN E. STRAUBER MARKS FIRST DAY AT DOI

Today, Jocelyn E. Strauber, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), marks her first day at DOI, after having been sworn in at the City Clerk's Office late Friday, February 25, 2022. She was appointed by Mayor Eric Adams and on Thursday, February 24, 2022, was confirmed by City Council. Commissioner Strauber has extensive investigative and prosecutorial experience; she spent over eight years at the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where she held numerous roles, including Co-Chief of the Terrorism and International Narcotics Unit, and supervised investigations and prosecutions involving terrorism and national security, arms trafficking, money laundering, and global narcotics trafficking. Just prior to becoming DOI Commissioner, Commissioner Strauber was a Partner in Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, a global law firm where she represented a wide array of companies and individuals in criminal and civil enforcement matters.

DOI Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber said, "The Department of Investigation is a unique and independent law enforcement agency, empowered to root out corruption, fraud, and other wrongdoing from New York City government, without fear or favor. Almost 150 years old, DOI's mission is as important today as when it was first established in 1873 – to hold those engaged in fraud, corruption and abuse accountable, to protect taxpayer dollars, and to ensure that the City serves its citizens efficiently, effectively and with integrity. I am so proud to serve as DOI's Commissioner and to work with the dedicated and talented DOI team in support of that mission. DOI plays a crucial role in maintaining public confidence in New York City government, and in the hundreds of thousands of dedicated, honest City employees who work hard every day to serve all New Yorkers."

Commissioner Strauber's executive team are senior DOI officials with extensive City government experience. Fuller bios can be accessed by clicking on the hyperlinks:

- [Daniel G. Cort is First Deputy Commissioner](#). He served as Acting DOI Commissioner from November 2021 to February 2022, and just prior to that as First Deputy Commissioner from December 2018 to November 2021. He brings extensive experience in public integrity investigations and prosecutions, having served in senior positions at the Office of the New York State Attorney General ("OAG") and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.
- [Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Dominick Zarrella](#) will continue overseeing DOI's wide-ranging investigative docket, bringing four decades of law enforcement experience to the role. He served as the Chief Investigator for the OAG responsible for the operations of the Investigations Bureau. Prior to that, he had a 22-year career with the New York City Police Department.

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- [Andrew Brunsten will continue to serve as DOI's Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs & General Counsel](#), a position he was appointed to in November 2021. He joined DOI in 2013 as the first Inspector General for the City Board of Elections and has served in various roles within the agency, including as Special Counsel to the DOI Commissioner and as Inspector General for several investigative units that provided oversight of various City agencies.
- [Philip Hung is the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Operations](#), which oversees the administrative operations of the agency. Mr. Hung has served in several senior roles at DOI, most recently as Acting First Deputy Commissioner during the transition and prior to that as DOI's First Deputy Inspector General for NYC Health + Hospitals ("H+H"), where he supervised criminal investigations and provided counsel to DOI's H+H Inspector General.

About DOI Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber

Commissioner Strauber's legal career spans the public and private sectors. Most recently, as a Partner at Skadden, Arps, she has represented individuals and institutions in civil and criminal enforcement actions involving suspected civil and criminal fraud and corruption offenses, including Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations, mail and wire fraud, securities fraud and accounting fraud, as well as in corporate governance matters. Prior to joining Skadden, from 2005 to 2013, she was a federal prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where she handled cases from investigation through trial and on appeal, across a wide variety of areas, from illegal gun possession to fraud to large-scale international narcotics trafficking. She was named Deputy Chief and then Co-Chief of the Terrorism & International Narcotics Unit; in those roles she supervised the successful prosecution of several high-profile terrorism and national security cases, including Faisal Shahzad (who attempted to bomb Times Square in May 2010). In 2011, she was the recipient of the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award.

Earlier in her career, Commissioner Strauber clerked for the late William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States. She also served as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General in the U.S. Department of Justice and clerked for the Hon. A. Raymond Randolph in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Commissioner Strauber graduated with a B.A. from Brown University, magna cum laude, and received her J.D. with high honors from Duke University School of Law, where she served as managing editor of the Duke Law Journal.

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