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ADA Mario F. Mattei to Receive 2007 Thomas E. Dewey Medal

******Investigations Bureau Chief to Receive 3rd Annual Award for Outstanding Prosecutors at Ceremony to be Held at New York City Bar Association******

STATEN ISLAND, NY - Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr. today announced that Assistant District Attorney Mario F. Mattei, Chief of the Investigations Bureau, would be the Richmond County recipient of the 2007 Thomas E. Dewey Medal at a ceremony to be held Thursday evening at the Manhattan offices of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The Thomas E. Dewey Medal, sponsored by the law firm of Dewey Ballantine LLP, is awarded annually to one outstanding Assistant District Attorney in each of New York City's five counties.

District Attorney Donovan, who [nominated](#) ADA Mattei for the award, stated, "I have been honored to work with Mario Mattei, a dedicated professional who has successfully prosecuted some of the most complex and emotionally taxing cases in this borough. While his performance in the courtroom is impressive, Mario Mattei has also mentored countless prosecutors as a supervisor in this office. It is a true credit to his abilities that he has been able to manage the demands of running a successful Investigations Bureau while also serving as one of this office's top trial attorneys."

Assistant District Attorney Mattei stated, "I am truly honored to receive an award in the name of Governor Dewey, who was truly a "prosecutor's prosecutor" – the gold standard by which we are judged. This award is a tribute to all of my colleagues with whom I have worked side-by-side for the benefit of the people of Staten Island. I am also grateful to Dan Donovan for his heartfelt [nomination](#) on my behalf for this prestigious award."

After earning his undergraduate degree at SUNY-Cortland, Mario F. Mattei first joined the Richmond County DA's Office in 1981 when then-District Attorney, Thomas R. Sullivan offered him a law student internship serving in the Criminal Court Bureau. He later went on to serve as an intern in the Trial Bureau of the New York County D.A.'s office under Bureau Chief Robert Silbering, later the Special Narcotics Prosecutor. He was sworn in as an Assistant District Attorney in Richmond County in 1983 upon his graduation from New York Law School.

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Except for a brief tenure in private practice in the early 1990s, ADA Mattei has devoted his entire career to the criminal justice system. In addition to prosecuting a number of high-profile cases, he has also mentored countless attorneys while serving as Chief of the District Attorney's Investigations Bureau since 1991. He has also lent a significant portion of his time to serving as an officer of the Richmond County Bar Association and Trial Lawyer's Association.

The Medal was first awarded on November 29, 2005. The first Richmond County recipient was Executive Assistant District Attorney Timothy J. Koller. The 2006 recipient was ADA Yolanda L. Rudich, Chief of the Sex Crimes Special Victims Bureau.

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