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DISTRICT ATTORNEY DONOVAN TO BE SWORN-IN AS PRESIDENT OF STATE PROSECUTORS' ASSOCIATION

******Donovan Assumes Office as President of District Attorneys Association of the State of New York******

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr. will be sworn-in to office as President of the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, Inc. (DAASNY) during the association's annual installation dinner held Saturday evening at the Gideon Putnam Resort and Spa in Saratoga Springs. The dinner is part of the DAASNY's annual summer conference.

District Attorney Donovan will be sworn-in to replace the outgoing president, District Attorney James A. Murphy III of Saratoga County, who has completed his one-year term of office.

"I am grateful for the trust and confidence in my abilities demonstrated by my 61 colleagues from across New York State selecting me for this leadership role," stated District Attorney Donovan in advance of his swearing-in. "This association has been in the vanguard of advocating for our communities and I am looking forward to continuing that strong tradition of leadership."

Founded in 1909 as the New York State District Attorneys Association, the DAASNY's purpose, according to its constitution, "Is to serve as an agency for closer personal acquaintance among prosecuting officials in the State of New York and to make possible the exchange of information and views in respect to the conduct of their various offices so as to promote a greater degree of efficiency and, as deemed necessary or advisable, to so support or oppose legislation for the amendment of the criminal law and for the improvement of the procedure of the prosecution of crime."

At the installation the following officers will also be sworn-in to one-year terms of office: Warren County District Attorney Kathleen B. Hogan – President-Elect, Franklin County District Attorney Derek P. Champagne – 1st Vice President, Monroe County District Attorney Michael C. Green – 2nd Vice President.

For more information on the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, please consult their website:
<http://www.nysdaa.org>

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About District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr.

Daniel M. Donovan Jr. was sworn in as Richmond County District Attorney on January 1, 2004 and was re-elected in 2007 with over 68% of the vote. A native Staten Islander with greater than 20 years of public service, Mr. Donovan has established a proven record of leadership and advocacy for the people of his community.

As District Attorney, Dan Donovan has implemented innovative policies targeting crime on Staten Island. While leading the City of New York in felony conviction throughout his tenure, D.A. Donovan has launched efforts aimed at prosecuting drunk drivers, graffiti vandals and those who prey on senior citizens and children. His innovations have targeted those who possess illegal guns or assault public servants in their line of duty, in addition to tackling domestic violence.

Under Mr. Donovan's leadership, his office has: obtained the Borough's first indictment, arrest and conviction as a result of the John Doe DNA Indictment Initiative aimed at preventing sex offenders from using the statute of limitations to escape prosecution, filed the second bias crime indictment in New York State for a crime against the elderly, and obtained the first felony conviction in the state under Stephanie's Law – targeting video voyeurs. Fulfilling a commitment he made to the borough, Mr. Donovan has also established the borough's first formal witness protection program.

Dan Donovan believes that the District Attorney, as the chief law enforcement official of the county, has an obligation to speak-out on areas where he believes the law does not adequately protect our citizens. To that end, Mr. Donovan has embarked on campaigns to support the enhancement of our existing laws. Dan Donovan has been an outspoken advocate for stronger laws against: sexual predators, drunk drivers and those who drive without a valid license as well as the removal of the statute of limitations for sexual assaults, the enhancement of existing laws against illegal guns, and the death penalty against "cop-killers" and other murderers.

In 1996, Mr. Donovan was appointed as Chief of Staff to then-Borough President Guy V. Molinari and was elevated to Deputy Borough President in 2002. Prior to his appointment as Chief of Staff, Mr. Donovan served with distinction in the New York County District Attorney's Office. In his nearly eight years under Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, Dan Donovan prosecuted major narcotics cases throughout the City, and served as senior trial counsel.

District Attorney Donovan earned his Juris Doctorate cum laude from Fordham University School of Law in 1988, where he was a member of the Fordham Law Review. Mr. Donovan received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from St. John's University in Staten Island.

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