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**D.A. McMahon Names Veteran Prosecutor as Deputy Bureau Chief of Special Victims Bureau, Announces Promotions and New ADAs**

*\*\*\* D.A. McMahon names new Deputy Bureau Chief of Special Victims Bureau, announces six new ADAs, staff promotions, to bolster RCDA \*\*\**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Staten Island District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that he has named Assistant District Attorney Ann Thompson to serve as Deputy Bureau Chief of the Special Victims Bureau. Additionally, to better serve the people of Staten Island, D.A. McMahon has hired six new ADAs, including four native Staten Islanders. D.A. McMahon has also promoted several prosecutors and reorganized ADAs within the office in order to bolster other bureaus and units, including the recently created Domestic Violence Bureau.

“Ms. Thompson has been a devoted, passionate, and extremely skilled legal talent within the RCDA family for many years, and we are grateful to have her take on such an important leadership role in our office as Deputy Bureau Chief of our Special Victims Bureau. I have no doubt that she will continue to represent this office and the people of Staten Island with great distinction for many years to come,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “Additionally, I would like to welcome six new ADAs to this office, and also congratulate my talented prosecutors on their promotions and new positions. These changes will go far to bolster our efforts as we continue to work tirelessly to bring justice on behalf of the people of Staten Island.”

Thompson, a Park Hill native, joined the Richmond County District Attorney’s Office in September 2007 as an ADA in the Criminal Court Bureau. In June 2010, she began working as an ADA in the Special Victims Bureau, where she prosecuted child and adult homicides, kidnappings, sexual assaults, child sexual abuse cases, assaults, crimes against seniors, economic fraud, sex trafficking, child pornography, weapons, and corrections law violations, from the

initial investigation stage to grand jury and through to trial. She also assists in the investigation of cold cases and is responsible for all sex trafficking and child pornography investigations for the office.

Thompson, who attended Notre Dame Academy, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1995, and earned her Juris Doctor in 1998 from Harvard Law School. Before joining RCDA, she worked as an executive for Mocha Moms, Inc., a support group for stay at home mothers of color. She also worked as an Associate with the law firm Golenbock, Eiseman, Assor, Bell & Peskoe from 2000-2002, and, prior to that, at Brobeck, Phileger & Harrison LLP from 1998-2000.

D.A. McMahon has also hired six new ADAs, including Melissa O'Leary and Michael Tannousis, both Staten Islanders and veteran prosecutors with multiple years of experience who previously worked as ADAs in the Bronx District Attorney's Office. O'Leary will be joining the Special Victims Bureau and Tannousis will be joining the Trials Bureau. Other new hires include, Michael Gamberg, Kim Ferraro and Uchechukwu Enwereuzor, who will join the Criminal Court Bureau, and Nancy Fayed, who will join the newly created Domestic Violence Bureau.

Additionally, the following ADAs have been promoted to felony-level ADA positions: Carrie Low will join the Narcotics Bureau, Frank Prospero will join the Trials Bureau, and Daniel Lewis, Chimdi Nwosu, and Marina Tricorico will assume felony and IDV positions within the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Other moves to the Domestic Violence Bureau include Rhiannon LaTour, a seasoned felony ADA, and Andrew Casas, Jason Cohen, and Nicole Lauterbach who will assume misdemeanor positions. These attorneys join Bureau Chief Tuesday Muller-Mondi, a native Islander, whose appointment as the inaugural head was announced earlier this Summer.

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