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New Jersey U.S. Attorney Appoints Executive Assistant

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NEWARK – New Jersey United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced today that he has appointed Michael Martinez as Executive Assistant United States Attorney, the Office’s third-ranking position.

Martinez, a native of Edison, New Jersey, is returning to the U.S. Attorney’s Office, where he served from 2000 to 2008. During his previous time in the Office, Martinez worked in the Appeals Division, Government Fraud Unit, and Securities and Health Care Fraud Unit before serving as the Acting Chief of the Terrorism Unit. Among other accomplishments, Martinez successfully tried the case against Walter Forbes, former Chairman of Cendant Corporation, which resulted in a 12-year sentence for the largest accounting fraud of the 1990s.

Mr. Fishman said, “Mike is one of our Office’s most distinguished alumni. He is a great trial lawyer, an outstanding oral advocate, and hugely respected and admired by his colleagues for his great judgement. It is terrific to have him back.”

Mr. Martinez said, “I am excited about the opportunity to return to the Office and contribute to the traditions of high-caliber lawyering and dedication to public service.”

Martinez graduated *magna cum laude* from Brown University in 1992, from Yale Law School in 1995, and clerked for The Honorable Samuel A. Alito, Jr., in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. In 2008, following his years in this Office, Martinez joined Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP in New York, New York as Special Counsel, specializing in white collar defense.

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