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U.S. Attorney Appoints First Assistant

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NEWARK – Paul J. Fishman announced today that he has appointed J. Gilmore Childers as First Assistant United States Attorney, the office’s second ranking position. Childers, who is known as “Gil,” began his duties immediately.

Childers, who is a life-long New Jersey resident, worked for the United States Attorney’s Office in the Southern District of New York from 1987-1997, where he was Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division. He was lead counsel in the successful investigation and prosecution of those responsible for the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. He also was a member of the trial team that successfully prosecuted the Mafia Commission – the organization comprised of the heads of the five New York Mafia families. He has spent the last 12 years in the private sector.

“Gil has extraordinary experience as a prosecutor and he has an unparalleled reputation for his great judgment and integrity,” Fishman said. “I am delighted that he was willing to return to the Department of Justice as my primary advisor.”

“I am grateful for the opportunity to return to public service and very excited about working in an office I have always admired,” said Childers. “To be able to serve my country in this capacity, in this office, and in my home state is a humbling honor.”

Childers graduated from Trinity College in 1977 and from Boston College Law School in 1981. Following his graduation from law school, he began work as an Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the Kings County (Brooklyn) District Attorney. He joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the Southern District of New York in 1987. From 1998-2000, he was Counsel at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. Since 2000, he has been an Associate General Counsel at Goldman Sachs.