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U.S. ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO EXECUTIVE STAFF

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today a series of personnel changes in the Office's Executive Staff.

GUY PETRILLO was named Chief of the Criminal Division. Mr. PETRILLO returns to the Office from Dechert LLP, where he was a partner. Mr. PETRILLO first joined the Office in 1990 as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division. He also served as Chief of Narcotics and Chief Appellate Attorney. After leaving the Office, he was a litigation partner with Shereff Friedman Hoffman & Goodman, and then with Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman. When the Swidler Berlin firm merged with Dechert LLP, Mr. PETRILLO continued as a partner with Dechert. Mr. PETRILLO graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1982, earned a Master's Degree from MIT in 1983, and is a 1986 graduate from New York University School of Law. Following law school graduation and from October 1986 to August 1990, Mr. PETRILLO worked as an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell.

Mr. PETRILLO replaced LEV DASSIN, who was elevated to the position of Deputy United States Attorney, where he will supervise both criminal and civil matters. Mr. DASSIN had served as the Chief of the Criminal Division since September 2005. Prior to being named Chief of the Criminal Division, Mr. DASSIN was a partner at Kaye Scholer LLP. Mr. DASSIN previously served the Office from 1992 to 1998 as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division. Mr. DASSIN spent a year at Morrison & Foerster LLP in 1999, and then worked at a software company that he co-founded, prior to joining Kaye Scholer. Mr. DASSIN is a 1987 graduate of Cornell University, and a 1990 graduate of New York University School of Law. Prior to joining the Office in 1992, Mr. DASSIN clerked for United States District Judge DAVID N. EDELSTEIN in the Southern District of New York.

Mr. DASSIN replaced CATHY SEIBEL, who has been recommended by Senator CHARLES SCHUMER for a position as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and who will serve as First Assistant United States Attorney while she is under consideration. Ms. SEIBEL joined the Office as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division in September 1987. She also served as Chief of the General Crimes Unit, Assistant United States Attorney-in-Charge of the White Plains Branch, and Senior Trial Counsel, prior to becoming Deputy United States Attorney in September 2005. Ms. SEIBEL is a 1982 graduate of Princeton University, and a 1985 graduate of Fordham University School of Law. Prior to joining the Office, Ms. SEIBEL clerked for United States District Judge JOSEPH M. McLAUGHLIN in the Eastern District of New York.

Mr. GARCIA thanked Ms. SEIBEL and Mr. DASSIN for their outstanding service, and welcomed Mr. PETRILLO to his new position.

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