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**STAFF OF U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE SOUTHERN
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK HONORED AT THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE'S ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that several representatives of the Office are recipients of this year's Attorney General awards. Assistant United States Attorneys GLEN G. MCGORTY, NEIL M. BAROFSKY, SHARON COHEN LEVIN, PERRY A. CARBONE, MARGERY B. FEINZIG, LISA P. KOROLOGOS, and BARBARA A. WARD, and former Assistant United States Attorney DAVID C. ESSEKS, were recognized, as well as Victim Witness Specialist EUGENIA I. McNEILL, former Victim Witness Specialist JEANNETTE SANTOS, and Paralegal Specialist ELDA GEDEON. These individuals were honored today at the Justice Department's 55th Annual Awards Ceremony at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., along with 180 other Justice Department employees and 26 other individuals.

The Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service is the Department's second highest award for employee performance. The recipients of this award exemplify the highest commitment to the Department's mission. GLEN G. MCGORTY, an Assistant U.S. Attorney ("AUSA") from the Southern District of New York, was among those honored with this award for his work in assisting AUSAs from the Eastern District of New York in their prosecution of the murder of New York City Police Department detectives on March 10, 2003. Defendant Ronell Wilson was sentenced to death for this heinous crime. Several AUSAs from the Eastern District of New York, as well as several agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were honored for their roles in leading the investigation and prosecution of the case.

The Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Legal Support recognizes outstanding achievements in the field of legal support to attorneys by paralegal specialists and other legal

assistants. The Southern District of New York's Victim Witness Specialist EUGENIA I. McNEILL, former Victim Witness Specialist JEANNETTE SANTOS, and Paralegal Specialist ELDA GEDEON received awards for their outstanding legal support, along with representatives of the Department of Justice, for their work in the prosecution of PHILIP CUMMINGS and others in the largest identity theft case known to U.S. authorities. CUMMINGS was sentenced to 14 years in prison and ordered to forfeit \$1 million for his role in a massive scheme to steal the identities of up to 30,000 people.

The John Marshall Awards are the Department's highest awards offered to attorneys, for contributions and excellence in specialized areas of legal performance.

The John Marshall Award for Asset Forfeiture was given to a team from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York in recognition of its extraordinary work in forfeiting more than \$1.2 billion in three massive corporate fraud cases and ensuring that the funds will be used to compensate thousands of defrauded investors. The team includes AUSAs NEIL M. BAROFSKY, DAVID C. ESSEKS, SHARON COHEN LEVIN, PERRY A. CARBONE, MARGERY B. FEINZIG, LISA P. KOROLOGOS, and BARBARA A. WARD. NANCY L. RIDER, Trial Attorney, and RICHARD R. WEBER, Chief of the Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division, were also recognized with this award. The forfeitures arose from the Refco, Adelphia, and Bayou cases. The team crafted innovative settlements and procedures designed to streamline the process of identifying victims, verifying their losses, and formulating a distribution plan. The team's novel application of these statutes, regulations, and Department procedures to exceedingly complex fraud cases involving tens of thousands of victims now serves as the model for prosecutors nationwide.

"Today's award recipients are extraordinarily dedicated and talented men and women," said PETER KEISLER, Acting Attorney General. "They've made incredible sacrifices, and achieved great successes, working on the front lines of the Justice Department on behalf of the American people. I'm proud to have them as my colleagues as we work to advance the Department's mission."

The Attorney General's Annual Awards Ceremony provides an opportunity to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of a number of U.S. Department of Justice employees as well as individuals from outside the Department.