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United States Attorney Announces Four New Assistant United States Attorneys

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NEWARK, N.J. – Four men and women were sworn in this week as Assistant United States Attorneys for the District of New Jersey, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

The new Assistant U.S. Attorneys: Frances C. Bajada, Sarah M. Friedman Wolfe, J Fortier Imbert, and Aaron Mendelsohn, took the oath of office administered by U.S. Attorney Fishman before their new colleagues.

J Fortier Imbert returns as Senior Litigation Counsel in the National Security Unit. He previously served the Office from 1986 to 1994, including three years as Deputy Chief of the Office's Special Prosecutions Division. Imbert was a member of Government teams responsible for public corruption investigations in Wayne, Passaic, and Parsippany, resulting in several convictions of local officials and for the return to this jurisdiction and conviction of former fugitive and New Jersey State Senator David Friedland. Imbert graduated from Loyola University in 1976 and received his Master's from Tulane University in 1979 before attending New York University School of Law, from which he graduated in 1981.

Prior to Imbert's first tour of duty with the U.S. Attorney's Office, he was an Associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett from 1981 to 1986. From 1994 until his return to public service, Imbert worked at Citigroup Inc., most recently as Legal Counsel for Citigroup's Global Anti-Money Laundering program.

Frances C. Bajada is assigned to the Office's Criminal Division in Newark. Bajada graduated *magna cum laude* from Bernard M. Baruch College, C.U.N.Y. in 1992, from New York Law School in 1995, and the U.S. Army, Judge Advocate General's School in 1996. Bajada served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1996 to 2000, after which she worked as an Associate at Day Pitney. In 2000, Bajada began clerking for the Honorable Susan D. Wigenton, United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, in Newark, and later served as the Judge's Permanent Law Clerk until becoming an Assistant United States Attorney.

Sarah Marie Friedman Wolfe is assigned to the Office's Criminal Division in Trenton. Friedman Wolfe graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of California, Berkely in 2001, and from Columbia University School of Law in 2005. Friedman Wolfe joined Jones Day as an Associate following law school, then served as Law Clerk to the honorable Renee Marie Bumb, United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, in Camden, before joining the Office.

Aaron Mendelsohn was assigned to the Office's Criminal Division in Newark. Mendelsohn graduated cum laude from Middlebury College in 1995 and from Northwestern University School of Law in 1999. During law school, Mendelsohn clerked for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in Chicago, IL, and the United States Department of Justice's Criminal Division in Washington, D.C. After graduating from law school, Mendelsohn spent time in private practice and clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Ruben Castillo in Chicago, IL, before joining the Department of Justice as a Trial Attorney for the Civil Division in 2002. He served in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia from 2003 until his move to Troutman Sanders LLP in 2008, where he worked until joining this Office.

In welcoming the new members of the Office, U.S. Attorney Fishman stated: “It is always exciting to welcome new Assistant United States Attorneys; their commitment to public service and their enthusiasm for the work of the Office inspires all of their colleagues.”

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