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BRONX D.A. APPOINTS JUDGE JOSEPH J. DAWSON COUNSEL

Julian Bond O'Connor Named Deputy Counsel to the D.A.

(Bronx, NY – January 12, 2015) – Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark announces the appointments of former Criminal Court Judge JOSEPH J. DAWSON to the post of Counsel to the District Attorney, and JULIAN BOND O'CONNOR as Deputy Counsel and Policy Advisor.

Judge Dawson graduated from St. John's University School of Law in 1982 where he served as Publications Editor of the Law Review. Immediately after his graduation from law school, Judge Dawson served as a law clerk to United States District Judge William J. Nealon. He then became an associate at the law firm of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft.

In September 1987, Judge Dawson became an Assistant District Attorney in the Office of Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau. He served in the Appeals Bureau and the Forfeiture Unit, and was Deputy Chief of the Organized Crime Narcotics Unit. Mr. Morgenthau eventually appointed him as Senior Investigative Counsel.

Judge Dawson handled sophisticated investigations of financial fraud, including a case involving a group of defunct banks in Venezuela that led to the conviction of three bankers who used the New York banking system to defraud depositors. Judge Dawson later testified before a congressional committee about improper contributions by one of the defendants, a foreign national, to various state Democratic campaign committees.

Judge Dawson was appointed to the Criminal Court bench by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani on May 26, 1999, and reappointed by Mayor Bloomberg on January 1, 2009. He served as an Acting Supreme Court Justice from November 8, 2004 until his resignation from the bench on December 16, 2015.

Julian Bond O'Connor serves as Deputy General Counsel and Policy Advisor. He began his legal career at the Bronx Defenders as a staff attorney within the Criminal Division, handling a misdemeanor and felony caseload. Mr. O'Connor resigned from the Bronx Defenders in 2004, and was appointed as a court attorney in the Civil Court of the City of New York, Bronx County. In that



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capacity, he worked with the Hon. Sharon A. M. Aarons and the Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez drafting decisions, preparing bench memoranda, negotiating settlements, performing inquests, and arbitrating matters in Small Claims Court.

In 2006, Mr. O'Connor was appointed Principal Law Clerk to Supreme Court Justice Darcel D. Clark, in Bronx County, Criminal Division. He also served as Senior Principal Law Clerk to Justice Clark at the Appellate Division, First Department.

Before practicing law, Mr. O'Connor taught middle school in the Fort Greene area of Brooklyn at J.H.S. 265 where he received distinction as District 13 teacher of the year in 1999. Mr. O'Connor is a 2002 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law, a 1997 graduate of Stanford University Graduate School of Education, and a 1996 graduate of Dartmouth College.

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