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BRONX PROSECUTOR TO RECEIVE THOMAS E. DEWEY MEDAL ADA Lawrence D. Piergrossi Will Be Honored By New York City Bar Association

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that Assistant District Attorney Lawrence D. Piergrossi is a recipient of the Thomas E. Dewey Medal from the New York City Bar Association.

District Attorney Clark said, "Larry has earned this prestigious award through his nearly 20 years of investigations and successful prosecutions of all types of crimes, but notably uniform corruption and violence in Rikers Island jails and in the construction industry. He is also worthy of this recognition because, through his supervisory and training roles, he helps our assistants to serve as ethical, effective advocates for the people of the Bronx."

ADA Piergrossi began his career in the Bronx District Attorney's Office as a law school intern in 1997. In addition to his prosecution of public corruption cases, he has secured jury trial convictions in over 25 felony cases involving domestic violence, homicides, child abuse and narcotics. He currently serves as Chief of Trial Bureau 50. ADA Piergrossi graduated from New York Law School.

The Dewey Medal is given annually to an outstanding prosecutor in each of the city's five District Attorney's Offices and in the Office of the City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor. It is named for Thomas E. Dewey, the gang-busting prosecutor who was elected District Attorney of New York County in 1937 and brought integrity and professionalism to the office of District Attorney. Dewey later became governor of New York.

ADA Piergrossi will receive the medal at a ceremony tonight at the New York City Bar Association.