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**BRONX PROSECUTOR TO RECEIVE THOMAS E. DEWEY MEDAL
Chief of Investigations Wanda Perez-Maldonado To Be Honored
By New York City Bar Association**

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

District Attorney Clark said, “As Chief of the Investigations Division, Wanda Perez-Maldonado has led prosecutions of violent gangs, drug traffickers, corrupt civil servants, and officials, and initiated strategies for fighting animal cruelty and economic crimes. She handles the sensitive matters of police brutality with empathy and fairness. She treats victims with compassion while explaining the complicated court process.”

ADA Perez-Maldonado joined the Bronx District Attorney’s Office in 1996 as an Assistant District Attorney in the Rackets Bureau, then served in the New York State Attorney General’s Office investigating matters of police misconduct. She returned to the Bronx District Attorney’s Office in 2016 as the first Chief of the newly created Public Integrity Bureau, where she prosecuted high-profile cases of police misconduct and excessive force. She was promoted to Chief of Investigations in 2020. Under her leadership, her team successfully prosecuted multiple violent gang conspiracy cases as well as narcotics, fraud, and crimes occurring at the Rikers Island Correctional Facilities.

The Dewey Award 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 later became governor of New York.

ADA Perez-Maldonado will be honored during a ceremony this evening at the New York City Bar Association.