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Attorney General Holder Appoints U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman
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WASHINGTON - Attorney General Eric Holder today announced the appointment of U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey Paul J. Fishman, along with eight other new U.S. Attorneys to serve two-year terms on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys (AGAC).

"This is a critical and exciting time for the Department of Justice and I will rely heavily on these U.S. Attorneys as we work to further the Department's efforts to reduce violent crime and gang violence, promote civil rights, ensure fairness in the marketplace and above all, preserve our national security," said Attorney General Holder.

The AGAC, chaired by U.S. Attorney for the District of Minnesota B. Todd Jones, was created in 1973. The committee, which reports to the Attorney General through the Deputy Attorney General, represents the voice of the U.S. Attorneys and provides advice and counsel to the Attorney General on policy, management and operational issues impacting the Offices of the U.S. Attorneys.

"This committee provides crucial advice to the Department's leadership in helping shape key policies to accomplish our core mission of serving justice, and these distinguished U.S. Attorneys bring the experience, dedication and drive necessary to successfully serve this important role," said Deputy Attorney General David W. Ogden.

"I am honored that the Attorney General has asked me to be part of the AGAC, and I look forward to participating in the discussion of the important policy issues facing the Department of Justice," said Fishman.

Fishman was presidentially appointed U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey on Oct. 14, 2009. Prior to his appointment he served as partner with Friedman, Kaplan, Seiler & Adelman LLP (1997-2009). Fishman served in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, as Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General (1997), Associate Deputy Attorney General (1995-1997) and Counsel (1994). Fishman also served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey (1983-1994).

The eight additional new appointees include: U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Preet Bharara; U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona Dennis Burke; U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington Jenny Durkan; U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois Patrick J. Fitzgerald; U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia Neil H. MacBride; U.S. Attorney for the District of Rhode Island Peter F. Neronha; U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama Joyce White Vance; and Acting U.S. Attorney, *ex officio*, for the District of Columbia Channing D. Phillips. John

S. Davis, Criminal Chief for the Eastern District of Virginia, was also appointed to the committee to represent the voice of the Assistant U.S. Attorneys in the field.

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