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**FOUR LAWYERS IN MANHATTAN U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL U.S. ATTORNEY AWARDS CEREMONY**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that the Department of Justice held its 27th annual Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) Director's Awards Ceremony today, during which 159 award recipients from more than 45 districts were recognized for their dedication to carrying out the mission of the Department of Justice. Among the award recipients were DAVID S. JONES, MATTHEW L. SCHWARTZ, JOSEPH N. CORDARO, and NATALIE N. KUEHLER from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Recipients included Assistant U.S. Attorneys, law enforcement agents, litigation teams and others who have made outstanding contributions in federal, state and local law enforcement.

"These award recipients have been honored for their service and dedication to our country, as well as to their local communities," said Attorney General ERIC HOLDER. "Each of these committed public servants has helped to advance the Justice Department's critical work. Their contributions have had a powerful impact in ensuring the strength of our justice system, the security of our communities, and the promise of our democracy."

Manhattan U.S. Attorney PREET BHARARA said: "I am honored to lead such an outstanding group of professionals who work with such dedication to serve this Office, the Department of Justice, and the United States. Their level of commitment to their work cannot be overstated and I heartily congratulate them on receiving this well-deserved award. I also thank them for their dedication and extraordinary efforts."

The recipients from the Southern District of New York are recognized for their representation of the Treasury Department and the Presidential Task Force on the Auto Industry

in the bankruptcy of General Motors ("GM"). The team successfully negotiated and secured court approval of \$33.3 billion in Treasury-provided financing to keep GM afloat, expedited voluminous discovery, and represented the Government's interests in a trial before the bankruptcy court involving novel legal issues and a virtually unprecedented use of the Bankruptcy Code. The AUSAs then successfully overcame attempts by objectors to stay or appeal the court's order approving the sale of GM's assets to a Treasury-sponsored entity, resulting ultimately in the creation of "New GM."

The extraordinary work of DAVID S. JONES, MATTHEW L. SCHWARTZ, JOSEPH N. CORDARO, and NATALIE N. KUEHLER has helped the Department of Justice to continue its mission to enforce all of our nation's laws, including prosecuting civil rights violations, gang violence and drug crimes, as well as representing our client agencies, conducting civil enforcement, and assisting victims of crime.

EOUSA provides oversight, general executive assistance, and direction to the 94 United States Attorneys' offices around the country. For more information on EOUSA and its mission, visit <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao>.

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