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**STAFF OF U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE SOUTHERN
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK HONORED AT THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE'S ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that several representatives of the Office are recipients of this year's Attorney General awards. Assistant United States Attorneys PIERRE G. ARMAND, JOHN D. CLOPPER, MICHAEL FARBIARZ, DANIEL P. FILOR, STEPHEN A. MILLER (now with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania), MATTHEW L. SCHWARTZ, and former Assistant United States Attorney EDWARD C. O'CALLAGHAN, were honored today at the Department's 56th Annual Awards Ceremony at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., among 249 Justice Department employees and 22 other individuals.

The Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service is the Department's second highest award for employee performance. MICHAEL FARBIARZ, STEPHEN A. MILLER, and EDWARD C. O'CALLAGHAN and were honored with this award for the exceptional results they achieved in pursuing justice in the United Nations Oil for Food scandal. Their commitment to this case resulted in the convictions of numerous businessmen, companies, United Nations officials and diplomats; allowed the return of tens of millions of dollars to the Iraqi people; and served as the catalyst for administrative reforms at the United Nations. The team also included agents, analysts, and specialists from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's New York Division.

The John Marshall Awards recognize attorneys for outstanding professional contributions and excellence in specialized areas of legal performance. Four Assistant U.S. Attorneys from this Office received the John Marshall Award for Dispute Resolution -- for the extraordinary result they achieved through mediation of the government's environmental claims against the Dana Corporation, a bankrupt auto-parts supplier. Due to the team members' creative and effective use of alternative dispute resolution, they secured a \$125 million

settlement which will be used to clean up two Superfund sites. Recipients were PIERRE G. ARMAND, DANIEL P. FILOR, MATTHEW L. SCHWARTZ and JOHN D. CLOPPER.

"The achievements of the people we honor today span the globe, and are as broad as the mission of the Department: To enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law," said Attorney General MUKASEY. "We all serve that mission in different ways, but what all of these award recipients have in common is that they have reached the highest level of accomplishment in the work that they do."

The Attorney General's Annual Awards Ceremony provides an opportunity to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of a number of U.S. Department of Justice employees as well as individuals from outside the Department.

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