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**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY PREET BHARARA ANNOUNCES
SUPERVISORY APPOINTMENTS TO CRIMINAL DIVISION**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today the following additional appointments to the supervisory staff of the Office's Criminal Division:

White-Collar Crime

ANIRUDH BANSAL and JONATHAN KOLODNER were named Chiefs of the newly-created Complex Frauds Unit ("CFU"). According to Mr. BHARARA, the CFU was formed to apply renewed focus and additional resources towards addressing the significant threats posed by large-scale sophisticated frauds and emerging cyber crimes. Among other offenses, the CFU will oversee the investigation and prosecution of bank fraud, mortgage fraud, health care fraud, and tax fraud, as well as cyber crimes. Between the new CFU and the Office's existing Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force, Mr. BHARARA said that there are currently more than 30 Assistant United States Attorneys in the Southern District of New York currently targeting sophisticated white-collar crime.

Prior to being appointed Chief of the CFU, Mr. BANSAL, who joined the Office in 2000, was the Chief of the International Narcotics Trafficking ("INT") Unit. Mr. BANSAL previously served as a member of the Office's Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force. Mr. BANSAL is a 1990 graduate of Princeton University, and a 1993 graduate of New York University Law School. Prior to joining the Office, Mr. BANSAL clerked for the Honorable ALFRED J. LECHNER, JR., of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and worked as a litigation associate at the New York law firms of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, and Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason & Silberberg.

Prior to his appointment as Chief of the CFU, Mr. KOLODNER, who also joined the Office in 2000, previously served as the Acting Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division and the Acting Deputy Chief of the Organized Crime Unit. Mr. KOLODNER served for two years as a Deputy Chief Appellate Attorney, where he supervised the Office's appellate work in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Mr. KOLODNER also spent four years as a member of the Office's Organized Crime and Terrorism Unit. Mr. KOLODNER is a 1994 graduate of Harvard College, and a 1997 graduate of Harvard Law School. Prior to joining the Office, Mr. KOLODNER clerked for the Honorable JOHN G. KOELTL, of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the Honorable CHESTER J. STRAUB, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

JOHN M. HILLEBRECHT was named Senior Trial Counsel in the CFU. Prior to this appointment, Mr. HILLEBRECHT, who joined the Office in 1995, was Deputy Chief Appellate Attorney, and Deputy Chief of the Organized Crime and Terrorism Unit. Mr. HILLEBRECHT is a 1995 graduate of Georgetown University and a 1989 graduate of Stanford Law School. After law school, Mr. HILLEBRECHT clerked for the Honorable IRVING R. KAUFMAN on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and worked as a litigation associate at Cravath Swaine & Moore in New York.

CHRISTOPHER L. GARCIA was named Deputy Chief of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force. Prior to his appointment, Mr. GARCIA, who joined the Office in 2004, was a member of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force. Mr. GARCIA is a 1995 graduate of Harvard College, and a 1999 graduate of Harvard Law School. Prior to joining the Office, Mr. GARCIA clerked for the Honorable STEPHEN M. ORLOFSKY of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and worked as an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York. Mr. GARCIA joins RAYMOND J. LOHIER, JR., whom Mr. BHARARA named as the Chief of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force on August 17, 2009.

BONNIE B. JONAS was named Senior Litigation Counsel in the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force. Ms. JONAS joined the Office in 1997 and has served as a Chief of the General Crimes Unit and before that as a member of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force. Ms. JONAS is a 1991 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a 1995 graduate of Columbia University School of Law. After law school, Ms. JONAS clerked for the Honorable REENA RAGGI of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and was an associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York.

International Narcotics Trafficking and Organized Crime

ANJAN SAHNI was named the Chief of the INT Unit. Prior to this appointment, Mr. SAHNI, who joined the Office in 2005, served as the Deputy Chief of the INT Unit. Mr. SAHNI is a 1998 graduate of Emory College, and a 2001 graduate of Yale Law School. Prior to joining the Office, Mr. SAHNI clerked for the Honorable PIERRE N. LEVAL of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and worked as an associate at Wilmer Hale in New York.

JOCELYN E. STRAUBER was named the Deputy Chief of the INT Unit. Ms. STRAUBER joined the Office in May 2005 and has been a member of the INT Unit since 2007. Ms. STRAUBER is a 1995 graduate of Brown University, and a 1998 graduate of Duke University School of Law. After law school, Ms. STRAUBER clerked for the Honorable A. RAYMOND RANDOLPH in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and then for the late Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST. Ms. STRAUBER also previously worked as an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York.

JENNIFER G. RODGERS was named the Deputy Chief of the Organized Crime Unit. Prior to this appointment, Ms. RODGERS, who joined the Office in 2000, was a Chief of the General Crimes Unit. Ms. RODGERS is a 1992 graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, and a 1995 graduate of the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. Prior to joining the Office, Ms. RODGERS clerked for the Honorable STANLEY A. WEIGEL of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California and worked as an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York. Ms. RODGERS joins MIRIAM E. ROCAH, whom Mr. BHARARA named the Chief of the Organized Crime Unit on August 17, 2009.

General Crimes

STEPHEN J. RITCHIN and JOAN M. LOUGHNANE were named Chiefs of the General Crimes Unit. Prior to this appointment, Mr. RITCHIN served as a Chief of the Major Crimes Unit. Mr. RITCHIN is a 1977 graduate of Princeton University, and a 1980 graduate of Columbia Law School. Prior to joining the Office, Mr. RITCHIN clerked for the Honorable CHARLES P. SIFTON of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Mr. RITCHIN previously worked as an associate at Debevoise & Plimpton and as an associate and a partner at Berle, Kass & Case in New York.

Ms. LOUGHNANE joined the Office in 2002 and has previously served in its Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force and Violent Crimes Unit. Ms. LOUGHNANE is a 1992 graduate of Harvard College, and a 1998 graduate of Stanford Law School. After law school, Ms. LOUGHNANE clerked for the Honorable LEWIS A. KAPLAN of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and then worked as an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell.

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Mr. BHARARA said: "It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of these outstanding prosecutors to their new positions. These men and women possess the integrity, excellence, and commitment to doing justice that are the ideals of public service. The public will benefit from the leadership these talented professionals will provide to the Southern District."

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