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## **HIGH HONORS FOR BUFFALO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY STAFF**

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Assistant U.S. Attorneys Joseph M. Guerra III, Mary K. Roach and Richard A. Resnick have each received a 2011 Director's Award presented by the Executive Office for United States Attorneys' (EOUSA).

AUSA Joe Guerra is the Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Criminal Division, and supervises the prosecution of all criminal cases brought in the District's 17 counties. Prior to his appointment to this position, AUSA Guerra served as Chief of the Office's Narcotics and Violent Crime Divisions. For his work in both of these positions, AUSA Guerra is being honored with the Director's Award for Superior Performance in a Managerial or Supervisory Role.

AUSA Molly Roach, Senior Litigation Counsel, received the Director's Award for Superior Performance by an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Civil Division. AUSA Roach, who has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office for over 16 years, has handled some of the most significant and high profile civil cases in the district. She held the title of Deputy Civil Chief for 10 years, and then became Senior Litigation Counsel in 2008.

AUSA Resnick, Chief of the White Collar and General Crimes Division, received the Director's Award for Superior Performance by an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Criminal Division. AUSA Resnick is being honored for his work in U.S. v. Nicolo, et al., a large scale public corruption case in Rochester which charged crimes committed over a 13 year period. After a 10 week trial, all of the defendants were convicted on each of the 56 charges contained in a 180 page Indictment.

The Director's awards were presented by United States Attorney General Eric Holder in Washington, D.C. on December 9, 2011.

In other news, U.S. Attorney Hochul also announced that the Justice Department's Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section recently honored Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard D. Kaufman, Chief of the Asset Forfeiture and Financial Recovery Unit, Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary C. Kane, Paralegal Jane M. Ross and Paralegal Patricia L. Young, for their work with the City of Buffalo's Save Our Streets Task Force. Kaufman, Kane, Ross and Young were honored by the Justice Department in the category of Outstanding Special Project or Initiative.

In addition, Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Trusiak, Investigator Peggy McFarland, and Health Care Fraud Auditor Theresa Tetlow, were honored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Inspector General-Office of Investigations, New York Regional Office for their service on behalf of the mission of the HHS Office of Investigations.

"I am thrilled that both prosecutors and support staff in our Office are being recognized and honored by our leaders in Washington, as well as multiple components across our Government, for their extremely effective and productive work on behalf of the community," said U.S. Attorney Hochul. "The citizens of Western New York are well served not only by these award recipients, but also by the entire United States Attorney's Office, the employees of which are committed to working hard each and every day to make our community a better place to live."