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CCRB Wins Litigation Against NYPD Unions, Maintaining the Right to Investigate Sexual Misconduct and Untruthful Statements

The State Supreme Court upheld the CCRB's definitions of Abuse of Authority to include Sexual Misconduct and Untruthful Testimony and Written Statements.

New York, NY –Today, the State Supreme Court upheld the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board's (CCRB) rule change to investigate cases of NYPD sexual misconduct and untruthful statements. The Court found that CCRB had a rational basis for adopting these rules and such conduct clearly falls within an abuse of authority.

Statement from Chair Frederick Davie:

“Sexual misconduct and untruthful statements are some of the worst possible cases of police abuse of authority. This is a victory for the people of New York, who now have a real path to justice and accountability if they face such egregious misconduct. The CCRB will take on this expanded responsibility and oversight in the same unbiased and diligent manner it approaches all its cases and hopes for cooperation from the NYPD and unions now that the matter has been put to rest.”

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The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is the largest police oversight entity in the nation and is empowered to investigate, mediate, prosecute, and recommend disciplinary action for complaints alleging misconduct by NYPD officers. See NYC Charter § 440(c)(1). The agency's jurisdiction includes excessive and unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and use of offensive language. To further this mission, CCRB issues monthly, biannual, and special statistical and qualitative reports analyzing trends and recurring issues arising from the many thousands of civilian complaints it receives each year.