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**MARK G. PETERS TAKES OFFICE TODAY AS  
COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION**

Mark G. Peters took office today as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation. Commissioner Peters, 48, was nominated by Mayor Bill de Blasio in January 2014 and confirmed by the New York City Council earlier this month.

DOI Commissioner Peters said, "As the City's independent anti-corruption agency, DOI serves an integral, wide-ranging role that protects and preserves integrity. As Commissioner, I am honored to lead an agency that continues to strengthen New York City government through its investigations, recommendations, and public awareness efforts."

Commissioner Peters' legal career spans the private and public sectors. Most recently, he was a partner at the law firm Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP where he advised clients in the insurance and financial services industry on a wide variety of matters including compliance and internal investigations. Commissioner Peters previously served as the Special Deputy Superintendent in Charge of the New York Liquidation Bureau, the agency that manages insolvent insurance companies on behalf of the State. He oversaw reform of the agency's operations including the implementation of a new internal control audit, adoption of State legislation requiring yearly audits of the agency's finances, and recovery of hundreds of millions of dollars previously owed to the Bureau. He also served on the New York State Commission on Public Integrity.

Commissioner Peters is a former prosecutor at the New York State Attorney General's Office where he served as Chief of the Public Corruption Unit and Deputy Chief of the Civil Rights Bureau. In those roles he oversaw a range of cases that included the prosecution of members of a political organization that diverted AIDS funding to election campaigns; multiple police conduct cases; and the first-of-its-kind case against one of the largest sub-prime lenders in the state.

Early in his career, he served as Senior Staff Attorney at Children's Rights, Inc., a national watchdog organization advocating on behalf of abused and neglected children in the United States, clerked for the Hon. Charles P. Sifton of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and was in private practice at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.

Commissioner Peters earned his undergraduate degree from Brown University and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

DOI's broad mandate includes oversight of more than 300,000 City employees in 45 City agencies, dozens of Boards and Commissions, the Office of the Inspector General for the New York City Housing Authority, the Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation for the New York City School District, and the Office of Inspector General for the New York City Police Department. DOI investigates and refers for prosecution cases of fraud, corruption and unethical conduct by City employees, contractors, and others who receive City funds; recommends ways to close corruption vulnerabilities; and educates City employees and vendors, and the public, about DOI's anti-corruption work and mission.

*DOI is one of the oldest law-enforcement agencies in the country. The agency investigates and refers for prosecution City employees and contractors engaged in corrupt or fraudulent activities or unethical conduct. Investigations may involve any agency, officer, elected official or employee of the City, as well as those who do business with or receive benefits from the City.*

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