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**VETERAN PROSECUTOR WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ETHICS AND OVERSIGHT
APPOINTED INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR DOI'S OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE NYPD**

Jocelyn E. Strauber, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the appointment of Charles M. Guria — a prosecutor with over thirty years' experience who oversaw police corruption cases at the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office and served on the Mollen Commission — as Inspector General for DOI's Office of the Inspector General for the New York City Police Department ("NYPD"). Mr. Guria brings vast prosecutorial and investigative experience to the role of Inspector General, most recently, as a Senior Trial Assistant District Attorney and Supervisor of complex fraud, corruption, and serious violent crime cases. In the early 1990s, Mr. Guria took leave from prosecuting to serve as an attorney on the Mollen Commission that investigated corruption within the NYPD, and subsequently served as Chief of the Brooklyn District Attorney's Civil Rights and Police Integrity Bureau from 1994 to 2014. At DOI, Mr. Guria will lead an office of 18 investigators, policy analysts and attorneys. His first day will be September 12, 2022.

DOI's Office of the Inspector General for NYPD was established in 2014 and was created by Local Law 70, which empowers the DOI Commissioner to "investigate, review, study, audit and make recommendations relating to the operations, policies, programs and practices, including ongoing partnerships with other law enforcement agencies, of the [N]ew [Y]ork [C]ity [P]olice [D]epartment with the goal of enhancing the effectiveness of the [D]epartment, increasing public safety, protecting civil liberties and civil rights, and increasing the public's confidence in the police force, thus building stronger police-community relations."

Jeanene Barrett has been serving as Acting Inspector General since Philip K. Eure, DOI's first Inspector General for the NYPD, resigned effective December 31, 2021. As of September 12, Ms. Barrett will return to her role as First Deputy Inspector General.

DOI Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber said, "I am delighted to announce the appointment of Charles Guria as DOI's Inspector General for the NYPD. A dedicated career public servant, his remarkable prosecutorial and investigative experience and deep understanding of police accountability issues within New York City for the past two decades will serve him well as the leader of this critical Office within DOI. I thank Jeanene Barrett for her enormous contributions to the Office as Acting Inspector General since the end of 2021 and her predecessor, Phil Eure, who led the Office since its creation in 2014. Charles is well-served with Jeanene as his First Deputy and I am pleased to be working with both of them to help advance police accountability in New York City."

Mr. Charles M. Guria, Inspector General-Appointee for the NYPD, said, "I am deeply honored to be named Inspector General of the New York City Police Department. As I embark on this important work I will draw on the insights and knowledge I've gained in my thirty plus years of criminal justice experience including my twenty plus years in the area of police accountability. I look forward to leading the dedicated staff of this unit. I also look forward to working with the various groups that have an interest in the success of this important oversight mission."

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About Charles M. Guria

Mr. Guria grew up in Jamaica, Queens and has lived in Brooklyn for over thirty years. He is the son of a New York City Housing Police Officer and a registered nurse. His parents taught him the importance of fairness and Mr. Guria believes that fair and effective police oversight is essential for fair and effective policing in New York City. He has worked on matters involving police accountability in New York City for over 20 years.

Mr. Guria began his legal career as a Trial Attorney in the Criminal Defense Division of the Legal Aid Society in Manhattan, defending individuals charged in criminal cases, and then moved to the Departmental Disciplinary Committee in the Appellate Division of the First Judicial Department, handling all aspects of attorney disciplinary proceedings for violations of the New York State ethical rules, including investigations and prosecutions. In April 1990, he became an Assistant District Attorney in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, investigating and prosecuting allegations of corruption involving public officials. He then became Chief of Civil Rights and Police Integrity in the Rackets Division, where he conducted and supervised hundreds of investigations of hate crimes and police misconduct.

In the early 1990s, Mr. Guria took leave from the District Attorney's Office to serve as an attorney to the Commission to Investigate Alleged Police Corruption, known as the Mollen Commission, where he investigated police corruption and evaluated NYPD's anti-corruption procedures. The Commission ultimately recommended a number of reforms to NYPD procedures and practices to address police corruption.

Mr. Guria received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Dartmouth College and a Juris Doctorate from New York Law School. He helped establish the Prosecution Clinic at New York Law School, where there are now two such clinics, one in Manhattan and another in Brooklyn, and where he is Adjunct Professor. He has lectured on hate crimes, police abuse investigations and on policing the police.

He was the 2008 recipient of the New York City Bar Association's Thomas E. Dewey medal, which is presented annually to an outstanding assistant district attorney in each of the City's District Attorney's offices and in the Office of the City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor. He is a member of the National Black Prosecutors Association and served as president of the Association's New York Chapter between 2004 and 2008.

DOI is one of the oldest law-enforcement agencies in the country and New York City's corruption watchdog. 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. DOI's strategy attacks corruption comprehensively through systemic investigations that lead to high-impact arrests, preventive internal controls and operational reforms that improve the way the City runs.

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CHARLES MICHAEL GURIA



Admitted to practice in the Second Judicial Department for the State of New York, U.S. District Court for the Southern and Eastern District of New York and the Supreme Court of United States of America

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Brooklyn, New York

May 2019 to Present Senior Trial Assistant District Attorney/Supervisor,
Investigations Division/Frauds Bureau

Supervises, prepares, and conducts trial of complex felony fraud cases including, enterprise corruption, healthcare fraud, and other fraud cases involving long-term investigations, wiretaps, and other proactive measures.

Sept. 2014-May 2019 Senior Trial Assistant District Attorney/Supervisor, Trial Zone Green

Supervises, prepares, and conducts trials of serious felony cases including attempted murder, kidnapping, burglary, and other complex cases. Qualified as a KCDA instructor/continuing legal education faculty.

July 1994-Sept. 2014 Chief of Civil Rights and Police Integrity, Rackets Division

Supervises, investigates, and prosecutes allegations of police corruption, police brutality, bias crimes, and immigration fraud. Conducted, and supervised hundreds of confidential investigations and supervised, prepared, and conducted hundreds of cases involving hate crimes and police misconduct.

April 1990-
February 1993 Assistant District Attorney, Official Corruption Bureau

Investigated and prosecuted allegations of corruption involving public officials. Also involved in the prosecution and trial of non-corruption related felony cases.

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

New York, New York

August 2011-Present Adjunct Professor Criminal Prosecution Clinic/Kings County District Attorney's Office

Instructs a year-long clinical course where third year students are provided with advanced criminal procedure training and supervises the student/interns handling of criminal cases in the Kings County District Attorneys Office and the Kings County Criminal Courts.

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL

Brooklyn, New York

September 2004-
May 2009 Professional Moot Court Coach

Provide trial advocacy training each semester to law students to prepare them to compete in regional and national trial criminal law moot court competitions.

**THE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED POLICE
CORRUPTION**

New York, New York

February 1993-
July 1994

Associate Counsel

Investigated police corruption and analyze and evaluated the anti-corruption procedures of the New York City Police Department.

Actively involved in investigative planning, analysis of police department files and procedures, drafting of related memoranda, and witness interviews and depositions. Presented witnesses at televised public hearings.

THE DEPARTMENTAL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

New York, New York

December 1988-
March 1990

Senior Attorney, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department

Investigated and prosecuted attorneys for violations of professional ethics. Actively involved in all stages of the attorney disciplinary process from process from complaint screening, witness interviews, depositions, motion practice and presenting cases at hearings before disciplinary panels.

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY

New York, New York

March 1986-
December 1988

Trial Attorney, Criminal Defense Division

Represented clients at all stages of criminal proceedings including arraignments, grand jury presentations, motion practice, pretrial evidential hearings, and misdemeanor and felony trials.

ADDITIONAL LECTURING EXPERIENCE

- Accredited continuing legal education instructor for the Kings County District Attorneys from 1997 to the present in the following subjects: Arraignments Training, Conspiracy to Commit Murder, Prosecutorial Ethics, Corruption Investigation and Prosecution, Hate Crimes and Trial Advocacy.
- Accredited continuing legal education instructor for the National Black Prosecutors Association on the subjects of: Conspiracy to Commit Murder, Corruption Investigation and Prosecution, Hate Crimes, and White-Collar Crime.
- Lecturer at the NYPD Internal Affairs “Internal Investigators Course” from 1996 to 2004.
- Lecturer for the Anti-Defamation League from 2006 to 2014 on Hate Crimes.
- Keynote Speaker at the National Black Crown Prosecutors Association Second Annual Conference in London, England (2002) on the subject of “Police Abuse Investigations.”
- Guest Lecturer at Quinnipiac University on the subject the “Who’s Using Whom? The Interaction Between the Media and the Law,” March 2001.
- Guest Lecturer at New York Law School’s “Policing the Police” Seminar 2021 and 2022 on the subject of the Mollen Commission and proactive integrity measures.

MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES, AND AWARDS

- Founding Chair of the Kenneth Thompson Black Affinity Collective of the Kings County District Attorney's Office.
- 2008 Thomas E. Dewey Medal from the Bar Association for the City of New York
- October 2004- October 2008 President New York Chapter National Black Prosecutor Association
- July 1992- Present National Black Prosecutors Association

EDUCATION

Jan 1983- Jan 1986	<u>New York Law School, New York, New York</u> Juris Doctorate
Sept. 1978- June 1982	<u>Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire</u> Bachelor of Arts, History