

# WESTCHESTER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY



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### DISTRICT ATTORNEY JANET DIFIORE SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

#### THE SEVENTH WESTCHESTER DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO RECEIVE THIS DISTINCTION IN THE ASSOCIATION'S 102 YEAR HISTORY

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Westchester County District Attorney Janet DiFiore was sworn in to a one year term as the 89th President of the **District Attorneys Association of the State of New York** on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The swearing in for the 2011/2012 term was during the Association's 2011 Summer Conference at The Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown, New York.

The District Attorney was sworn in by the outgoing Association president Derek P. Champagne, Franklin County District Attorney.

The District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY) was formed in 1909 by District Attorney Beecher S. Clothier of Warren County, New York. The Association was created as a professional organization for prosecuting attorneys - District Attorneys and Assistant District Attorneys - practicing in New York State.

Total membership of the Association is approximately 1,000.

The mission of the Association hasn't changed much over the last century. The first known mention of the formation of the Association appeared in the Rochester Union and Advertiser in its August 27, 1909 issue. "Upon the theory that big crooks have an organization to beat the law," the article stated, "the district attorneys of the state are going to combine into an association by which they will defeat the lawbreakers by mutual help."

"I am truly honored to be sworn in as the 2011/2012 President of the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York," said District Attorney Janet DiFiore. "What our

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Association embodies, along with the extremely distinguished list of previous presidents of the Association, is a very special affirmation of what a career in law can bring to an individual. In any profession, receiving recognition from one's peers always holds a particular distinction, and when coupled with the important work that the Association does on behalf of prosecutors throughout the state and being able to contribute to this coming year's agenda is sincerely gratifying."

Outgoing Association President Franklin County District Attorney Derek P. Champagne said,

"District Attorney DiFiore has the experience, commitment and work ethic to be a remarkable President for the Association. Her tireless commitment to Justice through the Justice Task Force and her distinguished legal career makes her the perfect spokesperson and leader for the association. I look forward to assisting her in any way possible to build upon the associations' reputation as being the preeminent voice of Justice and the voice for those who cannot speak because of acts of violence in New York State".

There are 62 elected district attorneys in New York State, one for each county.

Thirty-eight district attorney offices have fewer than 10 prosecutors, twenty have fewer than 5. Seven offices, including Westchester, have more than 100 prosecutors.