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### District Attorney Morgenthau Honored with

### Creation of Morgenthau Award by

### District Attorneys Association of the State of New York

Where: 60 Centre Street  
When: Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 1:15 p.m.  
What: State and Local Leaders Honor DA Morgenthau, Celebrate Centennial

District Attorney Kate Hogan, the President of the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (Warren County), Judge Albert Rosenblatt (Court of Appeals retired), Speaker of the New York City Council, Christine Quinn, NYC Special Narcotics Prosecutor, Bridget Brennan, District Attorney Robert Johnson (Bronx County), District Attorney Daniel Donovan (Richmond County), District Attorney Richard Brown (Queens County), District Attorney Kathleen Rice (Nassau County), District Attorney Adam Levy (Putnam County), and District Attorney Andrew Wylie (Clinton County) join to celebrate the Centennial of the District Attorneys Association by honoring District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau's lifetime of outstanding public service.

District Attorney Morgenthau took office in 1975. Prior to taking office, DA Morgenthau served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. A graduate of Yale Law School, he took a turn at private practice before being appointed United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York by John F. Kennedy. In 1974 he won his first of 9 consecutive elections, making him the longest-serving District Attorney in the history of New York County.

District Attorneys Association of the State of New York President Kate Hogan, of Warren County, said:

"Today, the District Attorneys Association celebrates its 100th anniversary. On our centennial, we are pleased to gather our members from across the state to honor our colleague Robert Morgenthau who, for more than one-third of our existence, has served with great distinction as District Attorney for the people of New York County. By his tireless efforts over the last 35 years, he has left an imprint on the community of prosecutors who are here with us today and who serve all over our state, from New York City to Plattsburg and from Albany to Erie. He is truly an inspiration to every attorney past, and present, who has the extraordinary privilege of serving as a prosecutor."

President Hogan added: “DA Morgenthau’s influence, however, far surpasses the confines of this county. For decades he has been a driving force behind legislative initiatives that protect all the people of our state. By establishing the Law Enforcement Council, DA Morgenthau brought members of the law enforcement community together to share ideas and advance improvements to our criminal justice system. More than any other contribution, DA Morgenthau has long been a beacon of integrity, compassion and humility for every prosecutor to emulate. He has never given less than his all and never in anything less than a dignified manner. DA Morgenthau reminds all of us, by his example, that while we have an ethical obligation to zealously prosecute, our duty is to render justice, not merely secure convictions. It is for this reason that the District Attorneys Association, by unanimous vote, created the Morgenthau Award to be presented to outstanding prosecutors, four from designated regions of the state, who best exemplify that ideal.”

District Attorney Hynes said: “I am proud to be a member of the association that is the voice of the state's innovative prosecutors devoted to public safety and justice for all New Yorkers. Creating this award and naming it for my good friend Robert Morgenthau ensures that future generations of prosecutors will honor his legacy.”

District Attorney Robert Johnson said: “On this 100th anniversary of the New York State District Attorneys Association, I want to express my gratitude to current and former District Attorneys and Assistant District Attorneys from all over the state, whose commitment to justice and public safety has been constant throughout the years. We are also here to thank and recognize the venerable Robert Morgenthau, whose outstanding service has been an example to us all, and whose legacy will continue to inspire prosecutors in times to come.”

District Attorney Richard A. Brown said: “Bob Morgenthau is the undisputed dean of New York State’s prosecutors. His reputation for excellence in the prosecution of criminal conduct and the investigation of criminal activity is legendary. It is therefore only fitting that in celebrating the centennial year of the District Attorneys Association, we also recognize Bob for his many years of service to the people of New York. For it is he who has set the standard for all of us for professionalism and for making certain that justice is done.”

District Attorney Daniel Donovan, a former prosecutor under Mr. Morgenthau, said: “Like thousands of young attorneys across the country, I had the opportunity to begin my career as a prosecutor under DA Morgenthau in 1989. Such is the bond of the alumni of his office that many of us still deferentially call him “Boss.” I was grateful for his wise counsel when I was a young prosecutor and also many years later when I was able to call upon him as a fellow District Attorney. As our Association celebrates its 100th anniversary it is fitting and proper to recognize Robert Morgenthau, who provided inspiration for generations who saw no greater calling than doing justice in the name of the people.”

District Attorney Morgenthau said: “I am honored that these awards are made in my name. I think it is important to recognize outstanding Assistant District Attorneys

throughout the State who live up to the credo of protecting the public and administering the laws fairly without fear or favor.”

The mission of the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York is “to serve as an agency for closer personal acquaintance among prosecuting officials in the State of New York and to make possible the exchange of information and views in respect to the conduct of their various offices so as to promote a greater degree of efficiency and, as deemed necessary or advisable, to so support or oppose legislation for the amendment of the criminal law and for the improvement of the procedure of the prosecution of crime.”

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