

THE EXECUTIVE STAFF OF THE QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Jennifer Naiburg, Chief Executive Assistant District Attorney

A graduate of Brooklyn Law School, Ms. Naiburg is a 26-year-veteran of the Queens District Attorney's Office. She has held numerous positions within the office, including the Director of Special Projects and Major Case Advisor, Deputy Director of Trial Advocacy, and most recently was appointed the first Bureau Chief of the newly established Kew Gardens III felony trial bureau. Ms. Naiburg developed and implemented an office-wide system to assist prosecutors in fulfilling their legal and ethical obligations regarding disclosure of material that may adversely affect a police witness's credibility and she serves on a mayoral and other citywide groups preparing for the criminal justice reform that took affect January 1, 2020. Ms. Naiburg regularly lectures to a myriad of law enforcement communities on varied criminal justice topics. She has been a member of the adjunct faculty of Fordham Law School for the past 10 years.

Camille Chin-Kee-Fatt, Chief of Staff/Administration

As the Director of Administrative Services of the New York City Council, Ms. Chin-Kee-Fatt oversaw a budget of \$80 million and all aspects of Administrative Services, including HR, Diversity, Fiscal, Procurement/Contracts, IT, Facilities/Mail, Sergeant-At-Arms, Fleet and OTPS for a staff of over 900 employees with Council Member offices in all 5 boroughs of New York City. She worked closely with the Council's Chief of Staff to make sure everything was running optimally and worked in conjunction the Office of General Counsel on employee policies, EEO issues and numerous other human resources matters. Ms. Chin-Kee-Fatt also served as the Senior Vice President of HR for the NYC Mission Society. At this Harlem-based non-profit, she oversaw all operations of its human resources department, worked as its EEO Officer, pension plan administrator, did training, recruitment and more. Ms. Chin-Kee-Fatt was also the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of Legal Recruitment for then-Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and has worked at Linklaters & Alliance, the New York City Law Department's Office of Corporation Counsel, Practicing Attorneys for Law Students Program Inc. (PALS) and Shearman & Sterling.

John Castellano, Counsel to the District Attorney

Mr. Castellano has been with the Queens District Attorney's Office for 23 years - most recently as the Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney and Chief Appellate Counsel for the Legal Affairs Division. Mr. Castellano has 36 years of experience as a prosecutor and has handled cases at all levels of the state and federal court system. Mr. Castellano has argued cases before the Supreme Court of the United States and he has briefed, argued or edited over 100 cases in the New York Court of Appeals. He is a frequent lecturer at bar associations and other venues throughout the state on numerous topics related to criminal law.

Bryce Benjet, Director of the District Attorney's Conviction Integrity Unit

Mr. Benjet has spent most of his career fighting to free those believed to have been wrongfully convicted. As a Senior Staff Attorney with the Innocence Project for the last 7 years, he handled a national docket of 25-30 cases focusing on DNA testing and other forensic science evidence. Mr. Benjet has worked with a variety of Conviction Integrity Units around the country. At the Innocence Project, he trained other lawyers on issues related forensic science and served as a clinical professor at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Mr. Benjet began his career at the Texas Defender Service and subsequently served as a staff attorney at the Third District Court of Appeals in Austin, Texas. Before moving to New York to work with the Innocence Project, Mr. Benjet maintained a broad civil litigation practice at the law firm Hull Henricks, LLP, while also representing 2 imprisoned clients seeking to establish their innocence.

Angela Albertus, Executive Assistant District Attorney of the Criminal Practice and Policy Division

A graduate of Fordham University School of Law, Ms. Albertus has spent the last 14 years with the New York City Law Department. Most recently, she was the Chief of the Law Department's Family Court Division, where she handled more than 5,000 cases a year and oversaw the implementation of the historic Raise the Age Law. Ms. Albertus led the Division's initiatives from expanding diversion programs to increasing community outreach. Ms. Albertus has been an adjunct clinical professor at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. She was the Chief of Staff and Assistant General Counsel at the City's Administration for Children's Services, the Executive Director for the Mayor's Commission to Combat Family Violence and an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

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Pishoy Yacoub, Executive Assistant District Attorney of the Supreme Court Trial Division

A graduate of both St. John's University School of Law and Temple University School of Law, Mr. Yacoub has been a prosecutor for more than 14 years. Mr. Yacoub joined the Bronx District Attorney's Office in 2005 and has tried numerous cases ranging from murder to high-profile corruption cases in various bureaus, including Criminal Court, General Crimes Felony, Gang/Major Case and Public Integrity. He also successfully tried a case in Federal Court in the Southern District of New York. Mr. Yacoub also received an LL.M. in Trial Advocacy from Temple University School of Law. Since 2016, he has served as the Chief of Litigation Training, where he created training programs for all prosecutors in the office and teaches CLE courses all over New York State and beyond in ethics, case management, criminal law and procedure and more. Mr. Yacoub also teaches as an adjunct professor at St. John's University School of Law.

Johnnette Traill, Executive Assistant District Attorney of the Appeals and Special Litigation Division

A 27-year veteran prosecutor with the Queens District Attorney's Office, Ms. Traill has briefed, argued, edited and supervised more than 1,000 criminal appeals and federal habeas corpus as both appellant and respondent in the New York Court of Appeals, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the Appellate Division, Second Department. She had been the Chief of the Appeals Bureau since 2014.

Daniel Saunders, Executive Assistant District Attorney of the Major Crimes Division

Mr. Saunders attended Cornell University followed by Brooklyn Law School and has more than 38 years experience as a prosecutor. In 1981, he joined the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office and worked in its Criminal Court, Investigations, Grand Jury, Transit Crime and Major Offense Bureaus. He moved over to the Homicide Bureau and eventually became the Deputy Bureau Chief. In 1992, Mr. Saunders joined the Queens District Attorney's Office and has overseen the Major Crimes Division for the last 3 years. He has prosecuted some of the most tragic cases in Queens County, including the Wendy's Massacre in May of 2000 and more recently the prosecution of the defendant who shot and killed NYPD Police Officer Brian Moore.

Colleen Babb, Executive Assistant District Attorney for the Community Partnerships Division

Ms. Babb has more than 25 years of experience in criminal justice, particularly related to adolescents. As the Queens Borough Chief of the New York City Law Department-Office of Corporation Counsel, Ms. Babb was the legal, strategic and policy advisor for the office. She assisted in the development and implementation of the Raise the Age Law. She supervised the overall operations of the office, including managing attorneys, their cases and the disposition of those cases. In 1994, Ms. Babb became an assistant district attorney with the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, where she tried more than 30 felony cases, including homicides and sex offenses. Ms. Babb promotions included becoming the Deputy Bureau Chief of the Early Case Assessment Bureau, the Deputy Bureau Chief of Criminal Court, Grand Jury, the First Deputy Bureau Chief of Major Narcotics Investigations and ultimately the Executive Assistant District Attorney of the School Advocacy Bureau, where she was responsible for all prosecutions of school-related crimes and juvenile offenders cases in Kings County.

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