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**QUEENS ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY POSTHUMOUSLY HONORED
WITH PRESTIGIOUS THOMAS E. DEWEY AWARD**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced that the recipient for this year's prestigious Thomas E. Dewey Medal was awarded to the late Queens Assistant District Attorney James W. Evangelou.

The Thomas E. Dewey Medal is awarded each year by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York to an outstanding assistant district attorney in each of the City's five District Attorney offices and in the Office of the City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor. Bureau Chief James W. Evangelou was posthumously bestowed this honor at a ceremony at the Association's headquarters in Manhattan on Tuesday evening, December 4, 2018. The award presentation was attended by many of his friends and colleagues and was accepted on his behalf by Senior Executive Assistant District Attorney James C. Quinn.

District Attorney Brown said, "ADA Evangelou was our long-time chief of my Career Criminal Major Crimes Bureau. He was a hard-working, dedicated prosecutor. I am very pleased that such an esteemed honor is being awarded to him."

Assistant District Attorney James W. Evangelou joined the Queens District Attorney's Office in July of 1981 in our Special Victims Bureau, where he tried major felonies and homicides. He was promoted to Deputy Chief of the then-newly formed Career Criminal Major Crimes Bureau in 1992 and eight years later promoted to Bureau Chief. In this capacity, ADA Evangelou trained scores of our office's best assistants, many of whom became homicide trial assistants and managers in our office or have moved on to careers in the law outside of our office.

District Attorney Brown continued that, ADA Evangelou was not only an experienced prosecutor and a consummate professional, but he was an all-around very special person. He will be best known for his humble and congenial nature and his dedication to our office, his colleagues and friends. ADA Evangelou's contributions to this office, his unwavering passion for the law and dedication to achieving justice makes him more than worthy of this honor.

Among prosecutors in New York County, Thomas E. Dewey is remembered as having ushered in the era in which District Attorney offices have been staffed by professional prosecutors chosen on merit rather than through political patronage. Dewey first came to the public's attention as a prosecutor in the 1930s, instituting successful criminal proceedings against gangsters, bootleggers and organized crime figures of the day. By 1937, Dewey was elected District Attorney of New York County, where he served one term before resigning to run for governor.

The Thomas E. Dewey Medal was first awarded on November 29, 2005. Previous Queens recipients of the award include: Mary M. Lowenburg, Deputy Bureau Chief and Chief, Auto Crime and Insurance Fraud Unit (2017); Nicoletta J. Caferra, Deputy Bureau Chief and Chief, Animal Cruelty Unit (2016); Edward Saslaw, Counsel to Legal Affairs and Special Litigation (2015); Karen H. Rankin, Chief of the Narcotic Trials Bureau (2014); Jessica L. Melton, Supervising Assistant District Attorney of the Human Trafficking Unit (2013); Donna Aldea, Counsel for Special Litigation (2012); Julie S. Trivedi, Supervising Assistant District Attorney, Narcotics Investigations Bureau (2011); Kristen A. Kane, Chief of the Elder Fraud Unit (2010); Marjory D. Fisher, Chief of the Special Victims Bureau (2009); James C. Quinn, Senior Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials (2008); Johnnette G. Traill, Chief of the Appeals Bureau (2007); Anthony M. Communiello, Chief of the Special Proceedings Bureau (2006); and Scott E. Kessler, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau (2005).

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