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Irish Joins CCRB as Mayoral Designee to the Board

Harvard Law School Alumna Appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio

New York, NY – The Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), the nation’s largest independent police oversight entity, welcomed Corrine A. Irish as a mayoral designee to the Agency’s Board on Thursday. Irish is an attorney with the international law firm Squire Patton Boggs, where she litigates and counsels clients on a wide range of complex commercial disputes.

Irish is also a founding member of the firm’s Public Service Initiative where she has litigated death penalty, criminal, and civil rights cases involving a miscarriage of justice or a denial of fundamental rights on behalf of indigent clients. She also has served as counsel for amici clients before the U.S. Supreme Court in important cases of criminal constitutional law.

Statement from Mayor Bill de Blasio:

“Corrine Irish’s wealth of experience in the private sector and proven commitment to helping vulnerable New Yorkers makes her a great addition to the Civilian Complaint Review Board. Corrine’s tireless work on behalf of social equity and civil rights issues illustrates her dedication to her city and her community.”

“I look forward to working with Corrine to address the needs and concerns of every New Yorker.”

Statement from CCRB Chair Fred Davie:

“Corrine Irish has demonstrated a commitment to using her talent as an attorney to pursue justice. I have full confidence that Corrine’s experience will make her an asset to the Board as we continue working to hold members of the New York City Police Department accountable for misconduct.

“I’m pleased to welcome Corrine, and I look forward to observing her contributions to the CCRB.”

Statement from CCRB Executive Director Jonathan Darche:

“Our Board members have the immense responsibility of reviewing allegations of police misconduct and using evidence to draw conclusions about what took place. Corrine Irish’s strong legal background positions her to offer the Board a perspective grounded in jurisprudence as she serves the City of New York.”

Statement from Corrine A. Irish:

“Police accountability is one of the most critical issues for our city and our nation. I consider it a high honor to be called to serve New York as a mayoral designee to the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

“I’m eager to work with my colleagues on the Board and members of the CCRB staff in the effort to improve police-community relations.”

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The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is the largest police oversight entity in the nation and is empowered to investigate, mediate, prosecute, and recommend disciplinary action for complaints alleging misconduct by NYPD officers. See NYC Charter § 440(c)(1). The agency's jurisdiction includes excessive and unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and use of offensive language. To further this mission, CCRB issues monthly, biannual, and special statistical and qualitative reports analyzing trends and recurring issues arising from the many thousands of civilian complaints it receives each year.