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**CCRB Administrative Prosecution Unit Receives 2019 NACOLE
Contribution to Oversight Award**

National Honor Recognizes Accomplishment in Police Accountability

Detroit, MI – Today, the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board's (CCRB) Administrative Prosecution Unit (APU) received the 2019 Contribution to Oversight Award at the 25th Annual National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference in Detroit.

NACOLE's Board of Directors bestows the honor annually to recognize a significant accomplishment or contribution to civilian oversight by an individual, an organization, or an agency. In 2019, attorneys from the APU—the only entity of its kind in the United States of America—successfully prosecuted Daniel Pantaleo, whose use of a banned chokehold caused the death of Eric Garner in July 2014. Following a guilty verdict in the administrative trial, Pantaleo was terminated from the New York City Police Department. The case is one of nearly 400 in which APU attorneys have served as prosecutors since the unit was established in 2012.

"The Administrative Prosecution Unit is one of the most valuable tools the CCRB and the people of New York have to ensure officers are held accountable for serious misconduct," said CCRB Chair Fred Davie. "Because the CCRB is equipped with this one-of-a-kind unit, the NYPD disciplinary process is more transparent, and the City of New York is better able to hold members of the police department accountable."

"The work of APU prosecutors makes a difference in New York City. Members of this team have displayed a diligence and commitment to public service over the years that reflects their unending desire to create a better city," said APU Chief Prosecutor Andrea Robinson. "It is an honor to be recognized for this work. The APU looks forward to further building its relationship with the NACOLE network as civilian oversight agencies across America work together to hold America's law enforcement entities accountable."

"It was such a pleasure to give the Achievement in Oversight Award to the Administrative Prosecution Unit of the CCRB. Their wonderful work has led to at least a small measure of justice and real accountability for the family and friends of Eric Garner," said NACOLE President Brian Corr. "By doing their job day in and day out, they have ensured that people around the country know that justice

can be served, even when various layers of government have failed to do so. I applaud the work of the APU and am very glad that they are part of the NACOLE family."

Created in 2012 when the NYPD and CCRB signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the CCRB's power to prosecute, the APU handles the most serious substantiated cases of police misconduct in the City of New York. An officer found guilty after an administrative trial may face penalties ranging from a warning and admonishment to termination from the NYPD.

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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.