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**DOI APPOINTS 71 'PRO BONO' SUMMER INTERNS**  
**-- Largest and most diverse group of interns ever --**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced the appointment of 71 college and law students from a variety of New York and out-of-state schools as summer legal, investigative and audit interns.

Hailing from as far away as Washington state, Massachusetts, Vermont, and South Carolina, the interns will assist DOI professional staff with legal and investigative research as they root out corruption, waste, fraud and mismanagement in New York City government. As part of their internship, the students will participate in a mock trial, as well as tour the Fire Department's training facility at Randall's Island, Rikers Island, and DOI's peace officer training facility at Floyd Bennett Field. They'll also attend four in-house lectures on a variety of topics.

"We are so fortunate to have such an auspicious group of people who are giving us their time, talents and enthusiasm," said Commissioner Gill Hearn. "We hope that for many of them this internship will be a first step into a career in public service."

DOI's interns are incredibly talented, accomplished and well educated. Collectively, their experience includes internships for members of the United States Congress, New York State Assembly, British Parliament, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, Manhattan District Attorney's Office, New York County Supreme Court, King County Courthouse in Seattle, Washington and some of the country's top private law firms. One intern is a martial arts instructor and another has military experience in the Israeli Defense Forces.

In all, the interns speak 17 foreign languages, including Russian, Hebrew, Spanish, Polish, French, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Japanese, German, Portuguese, Malayalam and Hindi. While many of the students are bilingual, a few are multi-lingual. One student, who will be entering her second year at New York Law School speaks English, Hebrew, Spanish and Polish. Another speaks English, French, German and Japanese.

The agency has interns from nearly every college and law school in the New York City metropolitan area, including John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York Law School, Brooklyn Law School and Fordham Law School. Outside the city, interns come from Harvard Law School, Syracuse University, Tufts University and Babson College.

The internship begins today and ends in July. Although they are not paid by DOI, some of the interns receive grants or stipends through their schools.

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