

Steven Goldstein—Special Narcotics Prosecutor

Steven Goldstein, who is the Chief Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, began his career of public service in the New York County District Attorney's Office in 1986 in the Major Offense Career Criminal Bureau, where he prosecuted violent recidivists for murder, assault, gang-related criminal activity and a broad range of other felonies. When Mr. Goldstein joined the Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Office in 1996 as head of the Special Investigations Bureau, he was responsible for supervising experienced assistants involved in major investigations of national and international drug rings. Mr. Goldstein enhanced the Bureau's capacity for running these investigations by developing systems to track and coordinate intelligence and to facilitate applications for court ordered surveillance warrants. As Chief Assistant District Attorney, Mr. Goldstein oversees all aspects of the office, from trials and wiretap investigations to alternative sentencing and allegations of official misconduct. But he is especially fond of discussing ongoing cases with the legal staff, always ready to share his expertise and provide legal guidance.

In response to recent changes in New York State's drug laws, Mr. Goldstein has taken an increasingly active role in working with the Office of Court Administration and members of the judiciary to smooth the transition from prosecutor-directed diversion programs into court-directed programs, and has helped shape related legislation. Additionally, Mr. Goldstein often is called upon to address conflicts with other enforcement authorities that result from the Office's broad jurisdiction, and is held in high regard by colleagues in local, state and federal agencies for his ability to resolve delicate jurisdictional issues fairly and amicably.

Mr. Goldstein is an adjunct professor at Fordham Law School and has taught classes and lectured in a wide variety of other forums. Mr. Goldstein recently served on the Incarceration and Re-entry Subcommittee of the New York State Commission on Sentencing Reform and, on an ongoing basis, consults on state and federal legislation. Since 1991, he has been a member of the board of a not-for-profit educational summer camp. He has also served as an executive on the National Ramah Commission which administers not-for-profit camps and youth programs.

For his deep commitment to the pursuit of justice and his devotion to a fair and balanced system, I am pleased to present Steven Goldstein with the Dewey Medal.