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Elizabeth Glazer Director, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice City Hall New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Glazer:

Congratulations on your appointment as Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. The City Bar looks forward to working with you on the criminal justice issues that we know are so important to you.

As you know, the City Bar is an independent organization and professional home for over 24,000 lawyers and law students dedicated to addressing legal and public policy issues in ways that promote law reform, ethics and the fair and effective administration of justice. In May 2013, the City Bar issued the enclosed report, *Policy Recommendations for New York City's Next Mayor*.<sup>1</sup> A collaborative effort of 27 committees, the report discusses and makes recommendations regarding access to justice and a number of important policy matters facing New York City today, from the perspectives of lawyers who work daily on issues vital to the City's welfare. As you'll see from Section III of the report, we address a number of criminal justice issues that we hope will be considered – to the extent they are not already being considered - by the new administration. While we recognize that you are already well aware of the criminal justice issues that we discuss in our report, we take this opportunity to highlight the concerns of the City Bar in these critical areas.

We would welcome the opportunity to schedule a time for you to come in and meet with some of our committees so they can hear about your agenda and discuss how we can be helpful to your office. If you are amenable, we suggest hosting an informal breakfast meeting, which public officials have found to be a productive venue in the past; however, we would be happy to work with your office to determine the best format for such an event. Please feel free to contact Elizabeth Kocienda, our Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs, so that we can discuss further details and schedule a time that works for you.

We look forward to meeting you and working with the Mayor's Office on the critical criminal justice issues facing the City.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Available online at http://www.nycbar.org/images/stories/pdfs/mayoralreport04302013.pdf.