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**UNIFORMED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION ENDORSES JUDGE LESLIE
CROCKER SNYDER FOR MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

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***New York's Bravest Say Snyder's Record and Experience make her Best
Candidate to Keep New Yorkers Safe***

July 16, 2009 (New York, NY) – Judge Leslie Crocker Snyder received a major boost today when New York's largest firefighters union, the Uniformed Firefighters Association of Great New York (UFA), endorsed her candidacy for Manhattan District Attorney.

In announcing the endorsement, Steve Cassidy, the UFA President who was joined at the City Hall press conference by more than 100 of New York's Bravest, cited Judge Snyder's long record as a prosecutor, judge and public servant in New York's criminal justice system.

"For 35 years Judge Snyder's work has made our streets safer and our city a better place to live, work and visit," UFA President Steve Cassidy said. "Judge Snyder's breadth of experience in our criminal justice system is unmatched and her vision will move the office forward with innovative ideas to protect New Yorkers. Judge Snyder is the most qualified candidate in this race and we will be truly lucky to have her as Manhattan's next District Attorney."

In accepting the endorsement Judge Snyder said, "I am truly honored to have the support of New York's Bravest who every day put their lives on the line to keep all of us safe. As District Attorney, protecting our first responders and working cooperatively with all levels of law enforcement to keep New York safe will always be a top priority."

The Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York is the largest firefighters union local in the world, representing New York City's rank and file professional firefighters. The UFA represents some 9,000 active and a combined 24,000 active and retired New York City Firefighters.

Judge Leslie Crocker Snyder is a nationally recognized leader in the criminal justice system, having spent 35 years serving New Yorkers as a prosecutor, judge and devoted public servant.

As a prosecutor, Judge Snyder founded and led the nation's first Sex Crimes Prosecution Bureau and co-authored New York's Rape Shield Law. As a judge, she presided over the highest-level drug, gang, white-collar and corporate fraud cases.

Judge Snyder is a progressive leader who fought to reform the Rockefeller Drug Laws for more than a decade and has always supported alternatives to incarceration for non-violent, first time offenders by promoting programs that provide education and job training. In 2007, Judge Snyder and her husband volunteered in post-Katrina New Orleans for 6 months, she in the criminal justice system and he at a free medical clinic.

If elected, Judge Snyder would be the first female District Attorney in the history of Manhattan. As District Attorney, she will be a progressive, innovative leader and a fighter for social justice.

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