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U.S. Attorney Appoints New Affirmative Civil Enforcement Coordinator

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Neil H. MacBride, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, has selected Gerard Mene to lead the Office's Affirmative Civil Enforcement (ACE) efforts throughout the District.

“Gerard's wealth of experience in civil law will be invaluable as we go after those who have defrauded the government,” said U.S. Attorney MacBride. “My office is determined to recover money lost through fraud and hold those who take government money accountable for their actions.”

Through the ACE program, the U.S. Attorney's Office supervises investigations and pursues civil remedies to recover government money lost to fraud. Mene will oversee the efforts of eight attorneys throughout the District in pursuing actions against those who engage in fraud involving federal funds, including financial and mortgage fraud, procurement fraud, health care and quality of care fraud, grant fraud, and drug diversion.

Mene joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1995 and has led numerous False Claims Act investigations, including qui tam actions. Since 2008, Mene has coordinated the office's health care fraud civil matters, and from 2006 to 2007, as part of a national effort, he helped to supervise the Office's work in Federal immigration appeals before the Fourth, Second and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

From 1985 to 1995, Mene was a trial attorney for the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he litigated civil cases in United States district courts on behalf of the Internal Revenue Service. During this time he also taught at George Washington University. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Mene practiced law with Baskin & Sears, P.C. in Washington,

D.C., and was an associate clerk for the Honorable Marion T. Bennett of what is now the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Mene received his masters in tax law from Georgetown University Law Center, his juris doctorate from the Dickinson School of Law at Penn State University, and his bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Vincent College.

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