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AT ANNUAL DINNER

Preet Bharara, the United States Attorney who oversees the investigation and litigation of all criminal and civil cases brought on behalf of the United States in the Southern District of New York, who has prosecuted leaders and associates of global and domestic terrorist groups, narcotics and money-laundering organizations, and who has been at the forefront of prosecuting financial misconduct, securities fraud and public corruption, will be the Guest of Honor at the Rockland County Bar Association's Annual Dinner, to be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at the Patriot Hills Country Club in Stony Point, New York.

Nominated by President Barack Obama on May 15, 2009 to become U.S. Attorney, Mr. Bharara's nomination was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate on August 7, 2009 and he was sworn in on August 13, 2009. Mr. Bharara graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College with an A.B. in Government in 1990, and from Columbia Law School with a J.D. in 1993, where he was a member of the *Columbia Law Review*.

Also being honored at the Annual Dinner will be Diana W. Rivet, Esq., who was the first woman County Attorney in

Rockland County, and who will receive the Bar Association's *Lifetime Achievement Award*, and Phyllis B. Frank, who is the Associate Executive Director of VCS, Inc., a founder of Gay Pride Rockland and the Rockland Family Shelter (now the Center for Safety and Change), who will be the first-ever recipient of the Association's *Natalie Couch Award*. Natalie Couch was the first woman to practice law in Rockland County, and she was the first woman to cast a vote in Rockland County in 1918.

The Annual Dinner is open to the public. For information call the Rockland County Bar Association at 845-634-2149.

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