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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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**Philadelphia Coalition for Victim Advocacy Presents Prosecutors Award to  
Assistant District Attorney Kalli Agelakis**

**District Attorney Lynne Abraham Delivers Opening Remarks, 12pm**

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**WHAT:** PCVA Awards Ceremony and Luncheon

**WHEN:** TODAY Friday April 18, 2008  
12pm

**WHERE:** Wanamaker Building  
100 Penn Square  
Corner of Juniper and South Penn  
Crystal Tea Room, 9<sup>th</sup> floor

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District Attorney Lynne Abraham will deliver opening remarks today at **12pm today** at the Philadelphia Coalition for Victim Advocacy luncheon and Awards Ceremony.

Assistant District Attorney Kalli Agelakis will be presented with the Prosecutor's Award, specifically for her work with child victims of sexual and physical abuse.

## **KALLI AGELAKIS**

Kalli Agelakis came to the United States from Greece at the age of four. She was raised in Brooklyn New York. She received a B.S. in Social Work from The State University of New York at Albany in 1993 and graduated from Temple Law School in 1996. She has the distinction of not only being the first in her family to get her college and graduate degrees but also the first to finish high school.

She has been in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office since 1996. After her initial rotations in the Municipal Court Unit, the Juvenile Unit and the Felony Waiver Unit, she was assigned to the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit for over 3 years where she prosecuted hundreds of child abuse, adult rape and domestic violence cases. She then went on to work in the Major Trials Unit for almost three years and prosecuted gun point robbery and shooting cases and major drug dealing cases. For the last four years she has served as an Assistant Chief in the Municipal Court Unit, the incoming unit where virtually all newly hired attorneys begin their career in the District Attorney's Office. In that capacity, she has been directly involved with the hiring, training and supervision of over 120 new attorneys, over 300 interns who come through the office during that time period. She has also participated in many ongoing projects to improve the functioning of our criminal justice system for every victim in the City of Philadelphia.

Kalli has handled many high profile cases and is proud to serve the Commonwealth in pursuing justice for all the victims but she is most proud and recognized for her work with child victims of sexual and physical abuse. She was always drawn to the most vulnerable of victims and fiercely fought for justice on their behalf such as the 12 year old girl who was abandoned by her drug addicted parents. This girl, on her own, found a neighbor to take her in so she didn't have to live on the streets only to find her self at the hands of the neighbor's boyfriend who sexually assaulted her repeatedly. There was also the 19 year old mentally challenged young girl brought to the United States by her uncle from Puerto Rico at the age of 11 for a better life who then sexually assaulted for 8 years and ultimately impregnating her. He was 71 year old at the time of her pregnancy. The victim's mental capacity was so severe she didn't know how to use a telephone to dial 911. She also handled the case of a 10 year old Muslim girl who was raped by her mother's boyfriend; a convicted murderer who found his way into their home. This child was cross examined by the defendant because he was representing himself. And most recently, Kalli handled a homicide case in which the only eyewitnesses to the brutal execution of a young man were 10 year old children at the playground. All the perpetrators are serving their remainder of their life in jail and in the end that is some justice for these child victims by one advocate on their behalf.