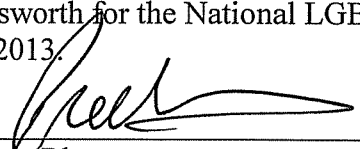


NOMINATION OF MICHAEL BOSWORTH

I am pleased to submit this nomination for Michael Bosworth for the National LGBT Bar Association's Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Class of 2013.



Preet Bharara
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JUSTIFICATION:

Michael Bosworth has distinguished himself at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, not only as a prosecutor, but as a leader in many respects. Indeed, Michael is the first openly gay supervisor in our Office's history. He is, in short, an exceptional lawyer who possesses extraordinary intelligence, superlative written and oral advocacy skills, excellent judgment, and a disarming personality to boot. For his talent, accomplishments, and contributions to this Office and to the community at large, I highly recommend him to be included among the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Class of 2013.

As the Chief of the Complex Frauds Unit, Michael has consistently demonstrated exemplary leadership and legal prowess. Managing a team of 20 senior AUSAs tasked with the investigation of all major cases involving cyber crime, financial institution fraud, mortgage fraud, healthcare fraud, and tax fraud, Michael has made extraordinary contributions to a breathtaking range of significant, enterprising and high-impact prosecutions, particularly in the area of cyber crime. Indeed, Michael has articulated—and masterfully implemented—a vision for bringing groundbreaking, industry-changing cases. For example, thanks to Michael's hands-on supervision, strategic thinking, and legal acumen, this Office has brought a number of the most cutting edge cyber crime cases in the nation. In just this past year alone, the cyber crime matters he oversaw included: the indictment of the most prominent computer hackers in "Anonymous," who were charged with the hacks of Fox Broadcasting Company, Sony, PBS, foreign governments and others; a sophisticated undercover operation that resulted in one of the largest coordinated international law enforcement cyber crime takedowns in history, with 30 arrests in 13 countries; the indictment of individuals responsible for creating and distributing the infamous Gozi trojan, a computer virus that has caused tens of millions of dollars of losses; and most recently, charges brought against digital currency company Liberty Reserve and seven of its principals and employees for allegedly running a \$6 billion money laundering scheme, in what is believed to be the largest international money laundering prosecution in history. These matters (two of which were included on the FBI's Top Ten criminal cases of 2012) have helped bring increased focus and real deterrent consequences to the critical threat that cyber crime poses to our country, and these cases would not have been possible without Michael's strategic thinking and tireless efforts.

Michael has devoted equal energy and skill to bringing landmark cases in other fields. For example, he has spearheaded our overseas tax evasion initiative, which in the past year resulted in the indictment and conviction of Wegelin & Co. (Switzerland's oldest bank) for conspiring with U.S. taxpayers to conceal more than \$1.2 billion kept in secret Swiss bank accounts—the first ever

conviction of a foreign bank for tax crimes. Michael has also been a driving force behind numerous financial fraud cases including the prosecution of 32 individuals who participated in a massive and systemic \$1 billion fraud in which employees of the Long Island Rail Road retired early and falsely claimed to be disabled; a \$100 million fraud in which brokers defrauded insurance companies into issuing stranger-owned life insurance policies; and a \$66 million mortgage fraud that resulted in the convictions of five corrupt attorneys, among other individuals.

In his seven years at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Michael has also personally and repeatedly distinguished himself in the courtroom. For one thing, he has personally led some of the Office's most significant public corruption prosecutions, including cases against former New York City Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, the finance chair of the New York State senate, a New York City councilmember, and a prominent New York lobbyist. And in connection with these and other cases, he has consistently proven to be an exceptional writer, oral advocate, and strategist, someone who is able to present complicated legal or factual arguments in a straight-forward, accessible, and persuasive fashion. Given his tremendous skill set, Michael has unsurprisingly succeeded in convicting every defendant in each of the six trials he has conducted, on a broad array of offenses ranging from bribery to armed robbery to international narcotics trafficking, and has likewise prevailed on appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in each of the dozen appeals he has briefed, supervised or argued.

Just as important as these accomplishments, Michael has admirably and successfully dedicated himself to improving the life of the community at the Office and beyond. For example, at the Office, Michael has served for years as a member of the Hiring Committee as well as the Diversity Committee, where he has worked to recruit and hire qualified candidates of different races, ethnicities and sexual orientations—and the LGBT Special Emphasis Program Committee. He has dedicated himself to mentoring and teaching other prosecutors, giving several office-wide training lectures and participating in our Office mentorship program. Outside of work, Michael has also made an inspiring commitment to helping young people in need, serving as a counselor on the Trevor Lifeline, a suicide prevention and crisis intervention hotline for LGBT youth. That he would spend the little spare time he has on such difficult but important work is a reflection of Michael's commitment to public service.

With intelligence, with judgment, and with grace, Michael has consistently brought honor to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and to the bar more generally. In recognition of his exceptional talent and leadership, as well as his commitment to improving the lives of others, including LGBT youth, he deserves to be included in the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Class of 2013.