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### **Chicago Crime Commission to honor late organized crime prosecutor**

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**Chicago, IL –Tuesday, December 1, 2009** –For the second year in a row, the Chicago Crime Commission will pay tribute to the memory of Assistant U.S. Attorney Mitchell Mars with an award named in his honor. Before losing his battle with lung cancer last year, Mars was credited with putting some of Chicago’s best known and most notorious organized crime figures behind bars, including Joey Lombardo, Frank Calabrese, Rocco Infelice, Frank Schweih and many more as a result of the Operation Family Secrets trial.

“U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald put it best when he said ‘Mitch Mars personified the word public servant. He worked extremely hard and sought nothing in return except the feeling that he was doing something good,’” according to J.R. Davis, Chairman of the Chicago Crime Commission. “The *Mitchell Mars Prosecutor Excellence Award* will recognize those in law enforcement who exemplify Mitch Mars’ approach to public service,” he added.

The recipient(s) of the second annual *Mitchell Mars Prosecutor Excellence Award* will be announced at the Chicago Crime Commission’s *Stars of Distinction, 2009 Awards Dinner* on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 6:30pm at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.

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The evening will also recognize other outstanding individual and organizational contributions in fighting crime. Awards presented will include the Mitch Mars Prosecutor Excellence Award, the Task Force Investigation Award, the Leadership & Excellence Award, the Paws of Distinction K-9 Unit Award, the Trafficking Enforcement Award, the Communication Development Award, the Forensic Investigator Award, the Exceptional Merit Award, the Tactical Excellence Award, and the Humanitarian Award.

The Chicago Crime Commission was founded in 1919 by 35 members of the Chicago business community and is the oldest and most respected citizens' crime commission in the nation. The Chicago Crime Commission is a volunteer organization comprised of more than 200 businesses and professional leaders from the Chicago metropolitan area. The Commission is not affiliated with any agency of government.

For more information about the Chicago Crime Commission, go to [www.chicagocrimecommission.org](http://www.chicagocrimecommission.org).

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