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New York A.G. Eliot Spitzer Earns APA's Javits Public Service Award

Arlington, Va. – Today the American Psychiatric Association (APA) conferred its prestigious Jacob K. Javits Public Service Award on New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer. Each year the Javits Award is given to a public official whose service in office has had a significant, positive impact on the field of psychiatry and the quality and accessibility of mental health care.

“The public and the APA are indebted to Attorney General Spitzer for his work to give people greater access to information on the safety and effectiveness of medications,” said Tom Noyes, M.D., chair of the APA’s Council on Government Relations (CGR), which bestows the award. “Through the power of his office, Mr. Spitzer has helped physicians and patients – in New York and all across the country – make more informed treatment decisions. Mr. Spitzer’s actions benefit patients no matter what illnesses they confront.”

Spitzer was presented with the award in his office today by Barry B. Perlman, M.D., president of the New York State Psychiatric Association and a CGR member.

The Javits Award is named for the late U.S. Sen. Jacob Koppel Javits of New York. Javits served in the Senate from 1957 to 1981 and dedicated his decades-long public service career to issues ranging from civil rights to health care.

Like Spitzer, Javits was a lawyer and attorney general of the state of New York (1954-1957). The Javits Award has been given to members of both political parties.

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