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Report Released Today - Copies Available

Today, Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon released a report detailing an investigation which found that Mark Colman, a 63-year-old attorney and hearing officer at Region 1 in the Bronx, sexually harassed three female Department of Education ("DOE") employees, two of whom were subjects of cases pending before him.

The investigation found that Colman subjected each of the female DOE employees to inappropriate touches and comments which included pulling the blouse forward and away from one employee's body so that he could look at her breasts while making a sexual remark, placing his hand firmly on the hip of another employee as he walked behind her and stroking the hair of another employee. Colman resigned from his post during the course of the investigation and declined to speak with investigators from this office.

Commissioner Condon recommended to Chancellor Klein that Mark Colman be made ineligible for future employment with the DOE or with any of its vendors and he also referred his findings to Bronx District Attorney Robert T. Johnson for whatever action he deems appropriate.

The Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation is part of the New York City Department of Investigation and Special Commissioner Condon reports to Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn.