

Chief Justice Amy Lyn Blake

Associate Justice 2014-2024, Chief Justice 2024-Present

Chief Justice Amy Lyn Blake graduated from the University of Rochester, New York, in 1987. She attended New England Law School and graduated, *cum laude*, in 1992. While in law school she was named a New England Scholar and awarded the Amos L. Taylor Award for Excellence in Achievement.

Admitted to the bar in 1992, Chief Justice Blake served as an Assistant District Attorney until 1994, prosecuting cases in the District Court bench and six-person jury sessions while supervising the District Attorney's Office in two district courts. From 1994 to 2008 she focused her private practice on domestic relations law with the firms of White, Inker & Aronson, Yasi & Yasi, and Casner & Edwards, rising from associate to partner. She is the District One Director of the National Association of Women Judges, a fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation and an associate editor of the Massachusetts Law Review. She served as co-chair of the Board of Overseers of the Boston Bar Journal and actively serves on a number of committees including the Trial Court's Public Outreach committee and the Supreme Judicial Court's committee on Judicial Guidelines for Self-Represented Litigants.

In 2008 Governor Deval Patrick appointed Chief Justice Blake to the Probate and Family Court, where she was named "Distinguished Jurist" in 2013 by the Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers. In 2017, she received the Jurist of the Year Award from the Middlesex County Bar Association. Chief Justice Blake is also a lecturer in Law at New England Law Boston. In 2025, Chief Justice Blake was awarded the Judge Haskell Freedman Award for Outstanding Achievement and Dedication to the Law from the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from New England Law | Boston.

Appointed to the Appeals Court by Governor Patrick, Chief Justice Blake joined the Court as an Associate Justice on September 9, 2014. She was appointed as Chief Justice of the Court by Governor Maura Healey, and took her oath of office on November 14, 2024. Her [first panel sitting and induction](#) as Chief Justice was held on December 6, 2024. Governor Healey conducted a [ceremonial oath of office ceremony](#) on January 28, 2025.