



April 28, 2025
Report from District One
Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico and Rhode Island

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chief Justice Dana Gershengorn, Juvenile Court



Chief Justice Gershengorn was appointed Chief of the Juvenile Court in 2024, having served on the Court since 2009. Chief Gershengorn began her career as an assistant district attorney, following which she was an assistant attorney general and later a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Unit, and then as deputy chief of the Major Crimes Unit. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Judge Jacqueline Burchill, Probate & Family Court



Prior to her appointment to the bench in 2019, Judge Burchill was an associate at Giarrusso, Norton, Cooley & McGlone, PC, staff counsel at Inmate Legal Services at the Suffolk County House of Correction, as worked in private client sales at Mellon Private Asset Management. She is a graduate Boston University and Suffolk University School of Law.

Judge Colleen Carroll, Probate & Family Court



Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Carroll was an Assistant Judicial Case Manager at the Plymouth Probate & Family Court, and prior to that, she led

a solo practice for over twenty years She is a graduate of Assumption College and Suffolk University School of Law.

GUEST LECTURE

Chief Justice Amy Nechtem (ret.) presented a guest lecture for the Professor St. Germain Annual Lecture at Merrimack College honoring service to the public. She spoke to the National Honor Society Inductees in the Political Science Department on "The Future We Owe Our Children: Building A World of Opportunity and Hope."

HONOR

Chief Justice Amy Blake received the Judge Haskell Freedman Award from the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Chief Justice Diana Horan will be a panelist on MCLE's "Housing Court Judicial Forum 2025."

Judges Jennifer Ulwick, Michelle Yee, and Caryn Mitchell-Munevar will be panelists on the John C. Stevens Family Law Symposium: Benched.

Judge Michelle Yee will be a panelist on MCLE's "Family Court Judicial Forum 2025."

Judges Cat Ham and Christine Anthony will be panelists on MCLE's "Direct & Cross Examination Skills."

Judge Janine Rivers will be a panelist on the Boston Bar Association's "Building a Judicial Career: Judge Share Their Paths to the Bench."

Respectfully submitted:

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