

## February 24, 2023 Report from District One Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

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

## **PROMOTIONS**

District One member Diana H. Horan has been appointed Chief Justice of the Housing Court. Judge Horan was the first woman appointed to the Housing Court and is the first woman Chief Justice of the Housing Court. Congratulations Judge Horan! Two more large cracks in the proverbial glass ceiling!

## PROGRAMS

We held a Pathways to The Bench program at New England Law Boston on February 2, 2023. Panelists included Judges Marylou Muirhead (ret.), Cat Ham, Erika Reis and Amy Blake.



(Reis, Ham, Blake, Muirhead, JJ.)

Judges Karen Green (ret) and Valerie Yarashus have launched a mentoring program at Harvard Law School through their Women's Law Student Association.

Also participating are Judges Karin Bell, Debra Squires-Lee, Cat Ham and Maureen Mulligan. Their first event is February 27, 2023.

District Court Chief Justice Stacey Fortes is a hosting a Color of Justice Program at the Lowell Justice Center on March 23, 2023.

We are in the process of scheduling regional dinners. Members have volunteered to host or coordinate dinners in five counties in Massachusetts. We are hoping to expand this idea to the other states in the district.

Respectfully submitted:

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