

# February 27, 2024 Report from District One Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

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

## DISTRICT ONE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

MA Probate & Family Court Judge Michelle Yee



Judge **Michelle Yee** is a judge of the Massachusetts Probate & Family Court. She was appointed in 2024.

### HELPING AFGHAN JUDGES

At the request of our colleague, NH Judge **Bobbi Hantz Marconi**, a number of judges have stepped up to form a team (or two) to support Afghan judges resettlement in Massachusetts. Judges **Valerie Yarashus** and **MaryBeth Ogulewicz** have agreed to serve as co-point persons for this incredibly important effort. The volunteer group of judges includes **Diane Rubin**, **Judy Dein**, **Vickie Henry**, **Lynn Rooney**, **Jennifer Rivera Ulwick**, and **Sawako Gardner**.

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

District Court Chief Justice **Stacey Fortes** was recently interviewed by Superior Court Judge **Cat Ham** for the Boston Bar Journal about her upbringing, path to the bench, and reflections following her first year as Chief Justice. Please see the

article here: <u>Chief Justice Stacey Fortes of the District Court - Boston Bar Association</u>

Respectfully submitted:

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