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Report from District One  
Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Judge Sarah A. Turano-Flores, Land Court**



Prior to her appointment to the Land Court, Judge Turano-Flores was a partner at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP, where she focused on land use permitting and real estate litigation. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and Western New England College School of Law.

**Ms. Anita Botti**



Ms. Botti, a resident of Vineyard Haven, MA is a member of the International Association of Women Judges and served as the chief of staff for former Secretary of State Clinton's Office of Global Women's Issues. Ms. Botti was also the former director of the Peace Corps.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Chief Judge Denise J. Casper**



CONGRATULATIONS to **Denise J. Casper** who became Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts. Chief Casper was appointed to the Federal bench

in 2010 following a career that included serving as Deputy Chief of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force of the United States Attorney's Office, Deputy District Attorney for the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office, and as an attorney at Bingham McCutcheon . She is a graduate of Wesleyan University and Harvard Law School.

### **Judge Janine Rivers**



CONGRATULATIONS to **Janine Rivers** who was appointed First Justice of the Suffolk County Probate & Family Court. Prior to her appointment to the bench in 2017, Judge Rivers was in private practice practicing in the Juvenile and Probate & Family Courts. Judge Rivers is a graduate of UMass Boston and New England Law | Boston.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Judges Julie Bernard (ret.), Kerry Ahearn, and Meghan Spring**. Judge Bernard is the new CEO of the Flaschner Judicial Institute. Judges Ahearn and Spring are the newest trustees.



(Judges Julie Bernard, Kerry Ahearn, & Meghan Spring)

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Respectfully submitted:

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