



May 2023
District One
Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

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

Welcome to Our New Members

Probate and Family Court **Judges Joan Armstrong (ret.), Dana Doyle, Randy Kaplan (ret.), Jennifer Ulwick, and Claudine (CT) Wyner**; Juvenile Court **Judge Karen Hennessey**; New Hampshire **Judge Anna Barbara Hantz Marconi**; and Rhode Island **Judge Erika Kruse-Weller**.

Member Spotlight: District Court Judge Mary Beth Ogulewicz



Judge Mary Beth Ogulewicz is empowering people beyond her work on the bench. Judge Ogulewicz has been a long term volunteer mentor and tutor for Afghan refugees. She has also worked hard to understand and help address our homeless crisis. Understanding the many challenges people less fortunate face, Judge Ogulewicz has made a selfless and powerful impact on their futures.

Judge Ogulewicz received her bachelor's degree from Boston College, her Master of Social Work from Westfield State University and her Juris Doctorate from Western New England University. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Ogulewicz, among other things, served as a law clerk to the Superior Court, was in private practice and was a prosecutor in Hampden County. Prior to being

sworn in as a judge, she was the Chief of the Elder and Persons with Disabilities Unit at the Northwestern District Attorney's Office.

District Court Chief Justice Stacey Fortes said the following about Judge Ogulewicz:

Mary Beth sent me Tracy Kidders' book "Rough Sleepers" about the unhoused in America. In a note accompanying the book, Marybeth said that there are no easy answers "but the inquiry and effort remains at the center of humanity." Chief Fortes noted that Mary Beth has a true understanding of what it means to be a community court judge -- she makes that inquiry and effort every day.

Color of Justice

District Court Chief Justice Stacey Fortes had a fantastic turnout for the Color of Justice Program held in the Lowell Justice Center. Middle school girls heard from judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, clerk's office staff, probation officers, court officers, and the most popular speaker: the court interpreter! The students had a tour of the building, sat in the judge's seat, visited the lockup and then had the chance to talk to one on one with the adults over pizza! Each girl received a certificate of attendance and a swag bag that included a book from their summer reading list. Many District One members participated and attended the event.



Chief Justice Fortes with the Color of Justice Participants

Law Day

The Norfolk County Juvenile Court hosted a wonderful Law Day celebration on May 4, coordinated by **Judge Linda Sable**. Sixty high school students from the community of Randolph attended, along with the Randolph marching band and chorus who performed several fabulous numbers. Our Attorney General Andrea Campbell gave an incredibly inspirational speech weaving the story of her background into the themes of public service and the importance of reaching for your goals even in the face of adversity. Randolph students participated in essay and art contests relating to Law Day themes and the winners collected valuable swag. Finally Norfolk Juvenile Court was able to recognize and bestow outstanding citizenship awards to the Randolph Police School Resource Officers, as well as their therapy dog, all of whom were on hand to accept. A great day for the Norfolk Juvenile Court and our community partners. District One members Appeals Court Judge **Amy Blake** and Juvenile Court Judge **Michaela Stewart** joined in the festivities!



Clerk-Magistrate Ryan, Judge Blake, Chief Probation Officer Vibert, First Judge Joseph Johnston, Attorney General Campbell, Judge Stewart and Judge Sable

Getting to know You: Our regional dinners are underway.

A great group of women got together at the Cheesecake Factory at the South Shore Plaza, organized by **Probate & Family Court Judge Lee Peterson**. It was a fun night where old friends reconnected, and new friendships were made.



Judges (standing) Amy Blake, Linda Sable, Lee Peterson, Randy Kaplan, Mary Dacey White and (seated) Vickie Henry, Marylou Muirhead and Marguerite Grant

Not to be out done, **Judges Vickie Henry and Pam Dashiell** organized a fun dinner in the "red room" at West Side Johnnies in Boston!



Judges Marylou Muirhead, Maureen Mulligan, Patty Bernstein, Diane Rubin, Pam Dashiell, Vickie Henry and Amy Blake

Members on the Move

District One is an incredible group of judges who give back both in their court and in the community. We celebrate and recognize these amazing women:

Judge Karen Green (ret.) was appointed to the Rule of Law Leadership Council of the World Justice Project.

Judge Marylou Muirhead (ret.) will join the full-time faculty at New England Law Boston in the fall.

Judge Judith Nelson Dilday (ret.) was honored by BLACK WOMEN WHO LEAD at the Massachusetts State House for her work in "making Boston a better place." Judith will be featured on a banner that will be hung on Blue Hill Avenue.

Judge Nan Sauer just celebrated one year on the Probate & Family Court bench! She reports that is "the hardest job I've ever had, and the BEST job I've ever had."