



June 10, 2022
Report from District One
Honorable Mary Dacey White (ret.)

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

1. Not too much news from the district. We have a Judges reception planned for August 24, 2022 at Blue at Marina Bay, Quincy, MA at 5:30 PM.

I am in the process of putting it together now. We are hoping to get 30 to 40 attendees, honoring our new judges, elevated judges and retired judges in the Massachusetts since March of 2019.

2. Hon. Angela McConney Scheepers a District One member has a new title for the next 12 months! She is going to be the President of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation. See the press release below that was sent to me from Hon. MaryLou Muirhead, NAWJ member.

“When **Angela McConney Scheepers** was in college at **Dartmouth** deciding on a career path, it seemed like all of her friends made one of three choices: business school, medical school, or law school.

Her decision — the law school route — ended up having a meaningful impact on the legal community in her home state of Massachusetts.

For the past decade, she has worked as an administrative magistrate for the state Division of Administrative Law Appeals. During the decade before that, she had been general counsel for the Massachusetts Civil Service Commission, a Suffolk County prosecutor, and chief legal counsel with what was then the state Legislature's criminal justice committee. She also has held a number of volunteer roles over that time, including one year as the president of the **Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association**.

On June 7, she'll add a new title: president of the **Massachusetts Bar Foundation**. She will take over for **Dick Grahn** for the next 12 months at the group's annual meeting at the **JFK Library**. In

doing so, she will become the first person of color to lead the foundation's board in its nearly 60-year history.

"I think attorneys of color, seeing me being the president, ... you can see, 'Wow, that's a group that I can work with,'" McConney Scheepers said. "My very presence here lets you know you are welcome."

She takes the gavel at a time when the foundation is looking to expand its geographic and racial diversity. Now that COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, it will be easier to socialize at events across the state and recruit new members.

The Boston-based foundation's primary mission is distributing grants to nonprofits that provide legal assistance to people who can't afford a lawyer in civil cases; most of its \$3-million-plus annual budget goes to this purpose.

"She is smart, compassionate, fully engaged and focused on working on our mission: increasing access to justice," said **Susannah Thomas**, the nonprofit's executive director. "She brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm." "