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Report from District One
Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

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

NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

National Adoption Day was celebrated throughout Massachusetts on November 17, 2023. This is an annual event that raises awareness of children in State foster care who are in need of adoptive homes. This year 116 adoptions were finalized.



First Justice **Helen Brown-Bryant** and Chief Justice **Amy Nechtem** join Governor Maura Healey and other state officials to celebrate National Adoption Day.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Governor Maura Healey has nominated the following women to judgeships in Massachusetts:

Superior Court Judge Tracy Duncan was a Springfield-based attorney who has led her own practice for more than 30 years. Her areas of practice include Criminal Defense, Juvenile Delinquency, and Landlord Tenant. Her practice was focused on the Hampden County Superior Court and U.S. District Court located in Springfield, Mass. She is the recipient of the Hampden County Lawyers for Justice Inc. 2023 Distinguished Bar Advocate award. She has a B.A. from Lake Forest College and a J.D. from Western New England University School of Law. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Springfield Chapter of Links, Incorporated, and Springfield Chapter of the Girl Friends. She is the second person of color to serve on the Superior Court in Western Massachusetts in state history.

Juvenile Court Judge Audrey Carr Murillo was an accomplished juvenile justice practitioner and defense attorney, and clinical instructor at Harvard Law School's Criminal Justice Institute, where she taught and supervised and law students who represent indigent adults and youth in criminal and delinquency proceedings. She was previously the Supervising Attorney for the private juvenile bar in Suffolk County, where she also tried juvenile and adult cases and represented juveniles in delinquency and youthful offender matters. Prior to that, she was of Counsel to Dhar Law, LLP. She has a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a J.D. from the New England School of Law.

Juvenile Court

Judge Fabiola White emigrated from Haiti to Cambridge as a child and was raised in foster care. She worked for Massachusetts Probation Services since 2019, first as an Administrative Attorney and then as Deputy Legal Counsel. Prior to that, she led her own practice where she represented children and families in care and protection proceedings, guardianships, child requiring assistance and delinquency proceedings in the Cambridge and Boston Juvenile Courts. In addition, she represented adults in criminal cases in the Cambridge and Chelsea district courts. She previously worked for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office as a Victim Witness. While at the district attorney's office she worked part-time at the

“Meeting Place” as a Child Access Supervisor where she facilitated and documented child-parent interactions in court ordered supervised visits. She is also a council member of the Massachusetts Bar Associations Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Section Council and a member of Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association. She has a B.A in Criminal Justice from Lasell College, M.A in Criminal Justice from Suffolk University and a J.D. from Massachusetts School of Law.

Respectfully submitted:

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