



November 27, 2024
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 22, 2024. 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.



(Judge Joanna Rodriguez presiding over an adoption in Lowell)



(Judge Nan Sauer presiding over an adoption in Salem)



(Judge Audrey Murillo presiding over an adoption in Plymouth)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Chief Justice Stacey Fortes is the moderator and **Judge Sarah Ellis** is a panelist on the Flaschner Judicial Institute's Lectures Series focusing on Judicial Excellence.

Judges Christine Anthony, Lee Peterson, and Janine Rivers are panelists for MCLE's Motion Practice in the Probate & Family Court.

Judge Sarah Ellis was a panelist on a Search & Seizure panel at the Social Law Library focused on Warrantless Searches. **Judge Cat Ham** was a panelist on the Search Warrant part of this presentation.

Judge Michelle Fentress was a panelist on Alternatives to Jail & Prison at the Social Law Library.

Judge Debra Squires-Lee is a panelist on MCLE's Litigating Motions to Compel Arbitration.

Judges Kathryn Hand and Marguerite Grant were panelists on MCLE's 10th Annual Appellate Practice Conference.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS & ELEVATIONS

Judge Lee Peterson has been named First Justice of the Probate & Family Court, Norfolk County. She has also become a LIFETIME member of NAWJ!

The Massachusetts Governor's Council unanimously confirmed the nomination of Juvenile Court **Judge Gloria Tan** to be an Associate Justice of the Appeals Court. She will be sworn in December 4, 2024.

Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey swore in **Amy Lyn Blake** as **Chief Justice** of the Massachusetts Appeals Court.



(Chief Justice Blake and Governor Healey)

Respectfully submitted:

Hon. Amy Lyn Blake
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