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## **Probate And Family Court Announces Appointment of Mark S. Ames as Temporary Register of Probate for the Hampshire Division**

Chief Justice for Administration & Management Robert A. Mulligan, Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court Paula Carey and Probate and Family Court First Justice Gail L. Perlman announce the appointment of Mark S. Ames as the Temporary Register of the Hampshire Division of the Probate and Family Court. He will be sworn in today by Judge Perlman. Mr. Ames succeeds David E. Sullivan, Esq., who resigned his position as Register of the Court in order to assume his duties as the Northwestern District Attorney.

Judge Perlman said, "I am very pleased to appoint Mark Ames as Temporary Register of the Court. Mark has served this court since 1997 as an Accounts Clerk, Head Administrative Assistant and Deputy Assistant Register. He has always acquitted his duties with a high degree of intelligence and competence. He has won the confidence of the court staff and is broadly respected for his willingness to pitch in wherever he's been needed during the last several years of serious reduction in court staff reflecting the dire fiscal condition of the court system."

Register Sullivan said, "Mark has been a dedicated member of the Registry staff and will be able to guide our court through its transition."

The resignation of the previous Register requires, by law, the appointment of a Temporary Register to be named by the First Justice of the local Probate and Family Court. That appointment may be followed by an appointment of an Interim Register by the Governor. The Interim Register would serve until an election in the fall of 2012 when a permanent Register will be elected.