

Hon. Patrick Fox



Judge Patrick Fox was appointed a Justice of the Massachusetts Trial Court, District Court Department in 1990 and served as First Justice of the Gardner and Winchendon District Courts from 1997-2010 before retiring from the bench. Prior to his appointment, Judge Fox worked as a staff attorney with the Worcester office of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (formerly the Massachusetts Defenders Committee) and as an associate, then partner, with Lian, Zarrow, Eynon and Shea in Worcester. Judge Fox currently serves as President of the Board of Directors of Our Father's House, Inc., a non-profit

organization managing shelters for the homeless and addiction recovery programs in northern Worcester County. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Worcester County Food Bank. Judge Fox has previously been a member and chair of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of Worcester County. In the town of Sterling, he has served as town moderator and member and chair of both the school committee and the housing authority.

As an Access to Justice Fellow, Judge Fox will focus his efforts on three projects. Together with the Director of the Massachusetts Justice Project and members of the Worcester County Bar Association's Committee on Services to the Poor and Homeless, he will work to establish a "lawyer for the day" program in the Worcester District Court. The pilot program will provide pro bono legal assistance to indigent litigants in debt collection matters. If successful, the program may be expanded to other District Courts in Worcester County. Judge Fox is also assisting Dismas House, a Worcester-based non-profit organization that helps ex-offenders avoid recidivism and become contributing members of society. Through the "Worcester Initiative for Supported Reentry," a Dismas House pilot project furnishing comprehensive and integrated support services to a group of recently-released inmates, Judge Fox will work to find employment opportunities to these individuals. Finally, in partnership with Lutheran Social Services of New England, Judge Fox is handling an immigration matter involving an unaccompanied minor refugee from Honduras who is seeking lawful permanent residence in the United States through Special Immigrant Juvenile status.

Martha Koster



Martha Koster is a member in Mintz Levin's Litigation Section. She has concentrated her practice on environmental and insurance issues, and on cases raising legal and regulatory concerns under state and federal laws. Prior to Martha's years in private practice, she served as a Deputy General Counsel to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, where she worked on health regulatory as well as environmental matters.

Martha is a member of the Board of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation. She is a former President and long time Board member of Greater Boston Legal Services as well as a past Treasurer and two-term Council member of the Boston Bar Association. She has also served on the BBA Task Force on Unrepresented Litigants and its Committee on Professionalism. Additionally, Martha has been an adjunct faculty member at New England School of Law, where she has taught alternative dispute resolution. Martha is one of the Mintz Levin attorneys who worked with the Mississippi Center for Justice and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law to provide legal services for low income residents of Mississippi severely impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The firm was awarded the 2011 Adams Pro Bono Publico Award for this work and was also honored by the Mississippi Center for Justice at its May, 2001 annual reception in Washington, D.C. She is a past recipient of the Dow Landrum Gardner Award from Greater Boston Legal Services and the Mintz Levin Pro Bono Award.

Martha has worked with the committee to establish the Access to Justice Fellows Program. As an Access to Justice Fellow, Martha will work with the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project (PAIR), the premier provider of pro bono immigration legal services to asylum-seekers and immigrants detained in Massachusetts. With PAIR, she will handle political asylum and detention matters. In addition, Martha will continue to work on the expansion and institutionalization of the Fellows Program, encouraging and assisting retired and transitioning attorneys to provide legal services to non-profits and legal services organizations.

Bill Patton



Bill Patton is a retired partner of Ropes & Gray where he was a member of the litigation department. While in practice, he represented clients in various state and federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Bill was a law clerk to the Hon. Frank M. Coffin of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in 1968-69 and was an Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States from 1973-75. Since retirement in 2008, he has been an active volunteer with the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association (VLP) and Senior Partners for Justice. In 2012 he received the Gideon's Trumpet award from Senior Partners for Justice for commitment to access to justice as well as an award from *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* for outstanding pro bono work. Bill and his wife have for several years participated in Hospitality Homes, an organization whose members provide short term housing for families coming to Boston for medical care.

As an Access to Justice Fellow, Bill will work on several projects with the Volunteer Lawyers Project/Senior Partners for Justice, including programs for mentoring and training of VLP volunteers, participation in the guardianship and family law LAR (limited assistance representation) clinics in Suffolk Probate and Family Court, and representation of clients in family law and guardianship matters through VLP. He will also continue to provide mentoring for Ropes & Gray lawyers in VLP matters and in representation of pro bono clients through the Dorchester House, a community-based health and social services organization in the City of Boston. Bill will also be available as a resource to other firms interested in establishing pro bono mentoring programs for their associates.

Robert Sable



Robert Sable served as Executive Director of Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS), the primary provider of civil legal services in the Boston area, from 1991 until his retirement in July 2011. Before beginning at GBLS in 1991, he worked at the National Consumer Law Center, serving as staff attorney and Executive Director, and has published several articles in the area of consumer law. Additionally, after receiving his law degree, Bob worked for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland as a staff attorney, managing attorney and Civil Director for six years.

Bob is a recipient of the Boston Bar Association John G. Brooks Legal Services Award and the Massachusetts National Lawyers Guild Lifetime Achievement Award. He also received the Massachusetts Bar Association Legal Services Award and the Claude E. Clark Award for Outstanding Service to the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

During his Access to Justice Fellowship, Bob will serve as a volunteer attorney in the Consumer Rights Unit of Greater Boston Legal Services. He will assist GBLS in forming a bankruptcy practice and will also handle individual bankruptcy cases.

Richard Soden



Richard Soden is a former partner and current counsel in Goodwin Proctor's Business Law Department, where he specialized in corporate and securities law and participated in the firm's General Business, Securities and Corporate Finance and Merger and Acquisitions/Corporate Governance Groups.

Richard served as Chairman of the Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Oversight Committee of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. He is currently a member of the Massachusetts IOLTA Committee and serves on the American Bar Association's Committee on the Scope and Correlation of Work. He was also a trustee of the Social Law Library and as member of the Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission. He is past President of the Boston Bar Association, Boston Bar Foundation and the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association. Richard has been active in the non-profit and charitable community for over 40 years. He is a Director of the Museum of African American History and a member of the Executive Committee of the New England Aquarium.

As an Access to Justice Fellow, Richard will be partnering with the Lawyers Clearinghouse. He will help the organization to develop its Legal Assessment Program, which offers a unique opportunity for nonprofits to strengthen their organizations through a thorough legal review of their corporate governance structure. Richard has a vast amount of experience relating to corporate governance and is uniquely qualified to educate non-profit organizations and their board members on the importance of good governance and the benefits of participation in such a program.

Eileen Sorrentino



Eileen Sorrentino is a retired solo practitioner based in Chicopee, MA. After many years as a general practice attorney and litigator, Eileen discovered a passion for Collaborative Law and Mediation. She opened her own firm in 2004 and devoted the last eight years to offering alternative dispute resolution services to resolve family law cases. Eileen also served as Adjunct Faculty at Western New England School of Law from 2007-2012.

Eileen has done a considerable amount of *pro bono* work throughout her legal career, and was awarded the 2011 Gideon's Trumpet Award for Hampden County for outstanding contributions to Access to Justice. She is a Founder, Trainer, and Volunteer for the Voluntary Conciliation Program in the Hampden County Probate and Family Court, as well as a former Board Member and Executive Vice President of the YWCA of Western Massachusetts, and past President of the Massachusetts Collaborative Law Council. Eileen also volunteered her time to the Senior Partners for Justice of the Volunteer Lawyers Project, serving those who would otherwise go to court unrepresented in divorce, paternity, child support, custody and other family law matters.

Eileen recently moved to Mattapoisett, in Plymouth County, adjacent to Bristol County. She plans to work with the Volunteer Lawyers Project/Senior Partners for Justice, its founder, retired Judge Edward Ginsburg, and community attorneys and judges of the Probate and Family Courts in Plymouth and Bristol to bring the program to these counties.

Robert Tuchmann



Robert Tuchmann is a retired partner in WilmerHale's Regulatory and Government Affairs and Corporate and Transactional Departments, where his practice focused on real estate development and leasing, remediation of contaminated sites and on environmental permitting. Rob is a former chair of the Environmental and Real Estate Practice Groups, and of the Executive Committee at Hale and Dorr. Rob also chaired the Central Artery Environmental Oversight Committee, which was formed by the Massachusetts state secretaries of Environmental Affairs and Transportation and Construction, for over 17 years and was the co-chair of the Central Artery Completion Task Force. Rob was a visiting clinical instructor at the Harvard Law School Legal Services Center, where he mentored students at the

WilmerHale Legal Services Center in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston. In addition, he chaired the Downtown Boston Transportation Management Association, served for four years as public director of The Boston Society of Architects, is the former chair of the Real Estate Section of the Boston Bar Association and the former president of Project Bread – The Walk for Hunger Inc.

As an Access to Justice Fellow, Rob plans to work on a number of projects that capitalize on his prior real estate and environmental practices. Through the Community Dispute Settlement Center, he will provide volunteer mediation in the Waltham and Woburn District Courts and the Land Court. He is also working with the Environmental League of Massachusetts on new initiatives and will assist it in reworking its corporate governance structure. With his background in real estate and environmental expertise, Rob will aid The Trustees of Reservations in special assignments involving acquisition of conservation interests in large tracts of land. Additionally, he will work as a gadfly to stimulate the re-emergence of urban agriculture in Boston, which will involve bringing together those engaged with community gardens, rooftop farms, community supported agriculture, hunger relief organizations, the food service industry, restaurant chefs, school feeding programs, and the like.