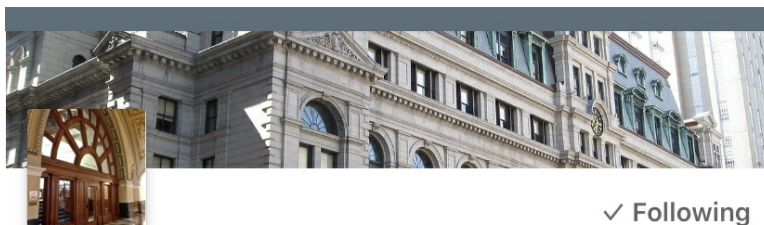


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DELEGATION OF CHINESE JUDGES

VISITS THE APPEALS COURT

On September 11, the Appeals Court was honored to host a delegation of twenty Chinese judges who sit in various courts in the municipality of Chongqing. The Chinese delegation visited Boston as part of a two-week educational tour of American courts. Chief Justice Mark V. Green and Associate Justices Sydney Hanlon, Peter Agnes, and Joseph Ditkoff met the delegation for a discussion about the Massachusetts appellate process, the Appeals Court structure, and American criminal law and evidentiary principles. The visiting judges were impressed by the Appeals Court's high caseload, were keen to learn about the definition of the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard, and provided insight on the differences between the Chinese and American jury systems.



Above, Chief Justice Green, Justices Hanlon, Agnes and Ditkoff offer insight into the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

Pictured below with the delegation are Chief Justice Green, Justice Agnes and Justice Ditkoff.



THE APPEALS COURT HOLDS OFF-SITE SITTINGS IN DARTMOUTH, AMHERST AND SPRINGFIELD

DARTMOUTH: Chief Justice Green and Justices Milkey and Wendlandt held court at the University of Massachusetts Law School on September 6.



AMHERST: Justices Meade, Hanlon and Kinder held court at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst on October 1.

SPRINGFIELD: Justices Lemire, Singh and Wendlandt held court at the Western New England School of Law on October 16.



QUALITY OF APPELLATE REVIEW IN MASSACHUSETTS RANKS #1

The 2017 **Lawsuit Climate Survey: Ranking the States** was conducted for the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform by Harris Poll among a nationally representative sample of 1,321 in-house general counsel, senior litigators or attorneys, and other senior executives who are knowledgeable about litigation matters at companies with annual revenue of at least \$100 million. [Click here](#) to see the full Survey.

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Massachusetts

2017 Overall Ranking: 14

Ratings on Key Elements of State Liability Systems (n=139)

		"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"F"	Mean Grade	Ranking Within Element
Enforcing Meaningful Venue Requirements	%	26	43	21	4	1	3.9	16
Overall Treatment of Tort and Contract Litigation	%	23	49	15	9	3	3.8	13
Treatment of Class Action Suits and Mass Consolidation Suits	%	18	47	22	4	3	3.8	22
Damages	%	21	39	28	6	3	3.7	19
Proportional Discovery	%	23	45	20	6	2	3.8	17
Scientific and Technical Evidence	%	31	39	13	8	1	4.0	2
Trial Judges' Impartiality	%	27	45	17	4	4	3.9	18
Trial Judges' Competence	%	33	43	13	6	3	4.0	10
Juries' Fairness	%	29	40	16	4	2	4.0	5
Quality of Appellate Review	%	36	38	12	6	0	4.1	1

RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

On October 4 Associate Justice William Meade received Western New England School of Law's Distinguished Alumni Award. The Distinguished Alumni Award is given to a member of the alumni community who has made significant contributions, not only to the legal profession, but to society as a whole. The recipient's contributions exemplify leadership, ethics, and integrity. In addition, the accomplishments of the recipient reflect positively on Western New England University School of Law.



**Happy Thanksgiving from the
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