

# The Review



## SPECIAL EDITION 50th Anniversary Celebration



## MASSACHUSETTS APPEALS COURT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE 1972-2022

*The year 2022 marks the Appeals Court's 50-year anniversary. To commemorate this important milestone, the Court held several events on October 20th and 21st, including panel discussions, exhibits, and a reception. Chief Justice Green kicked off the two-day event with remarks held in the Great Hall of the John Adams Courthouse. The celebration culminated with cake and a champagne toast. The events were attended by current and former staff and judges, members of the judiciary and legal community, and state and local dignitaries.*

*The Court made recordings of four of the events, described below, and you can view them all [at this link on the Court's YouTube channel](#).*

*The Appeals Court wishes to thank the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee for their hard work and dedication in planning this event, especially the Chair of the Committee, Hon. Amy Lyn Blake. (Committee members included current staff members Gina DeRossi, Monique Duarte, and Joseph Stanton; former staff members Dan Thurler and Alex McNeil; and Hon.*

## Chief Justices Panel Talks "Vision" of the Court

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The Appeals Court took a "walk through history" as retired Justices Hon. Cynthia J. Cohen and Hon. Andrew R. Grainger moderated this one-of-a-kind panel with all five living Chief Justices of the Appeals Court. They included Hon. John M. Greaney (ret.), Hon. Christopher J. Armstrong (ret.), Hon. Phillip Rapoza (ret.), Chief Justice Scott L. Kafker, and current Chief Justice Mark V. Green.

Attendees of this landmark event -- featuring five of the seven Chiefs ever to lead the Court -- heard about the journeys of the justices and their visions for the Court. The Appeals Court wishes to thank the Supreme Judicial Court for lending its Seven Justice Courtroom to this historic occasion.



## Fifty Years: Looking Back. Looking Forward.

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Hon. Gregory I. Massing and Hon. Kenneth V. Desmond, Jr., moderated a panel of former and current justices of the Appeals Court in an engaging discussion of the Court's evolution over the years. They reflected on what has changed, what has stayed the same, and what the future holds.

Panelists included Hon. Barbara A. Lenk (ret.), Hon. David A. Mills (ret.), Hon. Diana Maldonado (ret.), Hon. Sookyong Shin, and Hon. Sabita Singh.

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# Women's Panel: Pioneers of the Appeals Court

As Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg famously said: there will be enough women on the Supreme Court when there are nine! Hon. Gabrielle R. Wolohojian and Hon. Amy Lyn Blake moderated an intriguing panel of pioneering women of the Appeals Court, past and present.

Members of the panel included Hon. Raya S. Dreben (ret.); Hon. Elspeth B. Cypher; Lena Wong, First Asst. Clerk (ret.); Jane Hong, Senior Staff Attorney; and Gina DeRossi, Court Administrator.



## Portrait Dedication of Chief Justice John M. Greaney (ret.)

(Second Chief Justice of the Appeals Court)

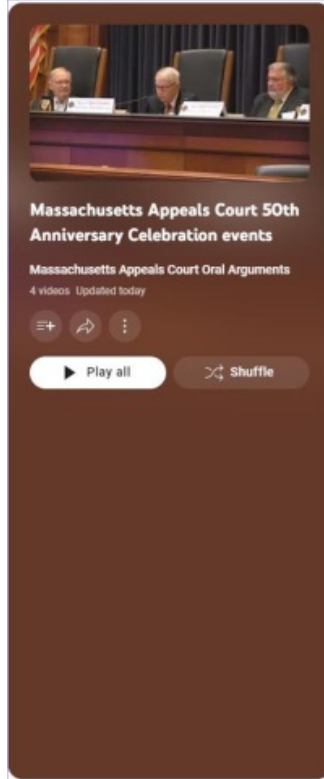


Current Chief Justice Mark V. Green (center) and retired Chief Justice Christopher J. Armstrong (right) led the Court in celebrating the contributions of the Hon. John M. Greaney (ret.), the second Chief Justice of the Appeals Court.

The event culminated in warm remarks by Chief Justice Greaney and the dedication of his portrait, which will hang in the Hon. Allan M. Hale Courtroom (named for the Court's first Chief Justice).

**Click on the image below to watch  
recordings of the four 50th Anniversary  
events discussed above!**





- 1 Appeals Court 50th Anniversary: Chief Justices panel  
Massachusetts Appeals Court Oral Arguments  
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- 2 The Appeals Court's 50th Anniversary: "Women of the Appeals Court"  
Massachusetts Appeals Court Oral Arguments  
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- 3 Portrait Ceremony, Chief Justice John M. Greaney  
Massachusetts Appeals Court Oral Arguments  
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- 4 The Appeals Court's 50th Anniversary. "Fifty Years: Looking Back. Looking Forward."  
Massachusetts Appeals Court Oral Arguments  
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## Artifacts Display Captures a Rich History of the Past 50 Years



A special thank you to the "Artifacts sub-committee" for an outstanding display of

our Court's 50-year history!

The display featured a treasure trove of photos, papers, garments, technologies of years past, and a deeply researched video timeline of important Court milestones.

The Artifacts subcommittee, pictured on right: (beginning from left) Elizabeth Gibbons, Emily Swanson, Derek Gratz-Wells, Geoffrey Cole, Hon. Peter Sacks, Cristen Nagle, Laureen Cronin, and Hon. Gabrielle Wolohojian (chair).



## Cheers to 50 Years, Massachusetts Appeals Court!









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