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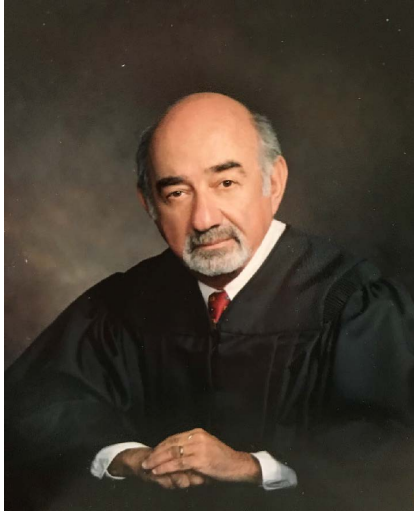
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE VICKIE L. HENRY FEATURED AT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES' LGBTQ+ WEBINAR



The National Association of Women Judges is hosting a webinar, "Legislative Update: Status of LGBTQ Rights Due to Recent State Laws Across the U.S.; Welcoming LGBTQ+ People in Our Courthouses." Among other honorable participants, featured at this webinar will be **Associate Justice Vickie L. Henry**. This program will discuss the impact of legislation on LGBTQ+ people and recent state laws which limit their rights. Additionally addressed will be issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression (SOGIE), such as how they might manifest in courthouse settings and how to foster an inclusive environment.

This webinar is free to everyone and will be held on Friday, June 30, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. For more

APPEALS COURT MEMORIAL SITTING FOR FORMER ASSOCIATE JUSTICE THE HONORABLE GEORGE JACOBS



Honorable **George Jacobs (1933-2020)**



Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell (foreground) and panel (left to right) **Justice McHugh, Chief Justice Armstrong, Chief Justice Green, Justice Cypher, and Justice Sacks**

On May 31, 2023, the Appeals Court hosted a special sitting in the Allan M. Hale courtroom in memoriam to former Associate Justice George Jacobs. Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell made a motion before panel members **Chief Justice Mark V. Green, Chief Justice Christopher J. Armstrong (ret.), Supreme Judicial Court Associate Justice Elspeth B. Cypher, Associate Justice James F. McHugh (ret.), and Associate Justice Peter W. Sacks** to have remarks speaking to the public career and life of Justice Jacobs ([biography here](#)) spread across the bound volumes of the Massachusetts Appeals Court Reports by the Office of the Reporter of Decisions. With support offered by presenters on behalf of the Court, the Massachusetts bar, friends, and family, the panel allowed the proposed motion, thereby commemorating Justice Jacobs's legacy in a formal and historic manner.

A recording of this memorial sitting can be viewed on the [Appeals Court YouTube channel](#).

APPEALS COURT JUSTICES' SPRING EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Appeals Court Justices convened for their annual Spring Education Conference in May at the Beauport Hotel in Gloucester. The rigorous agenda included discussion of "Court Hearings in the Digital Age," "A View from the Bench: The Boston Municipal Court," "Housing Court Issues in the Single Justice Session," "Community Justice & Reentry Work," "Youthful Offender & Age Considerations in Delinquency Cases," and more.



Assistant Clerk Paul Tuttle presenting on Housing Court issues in the Single Justice session



Appeals Court Justices in attendance at the Spring Education Conference

TRAVELING JUSTICE APPEALS COURT OFF-SITE SITTINGS THIS SPRING



Left to right: Essex County Assistant Clerks Anne Mitchell and Carlotta Patten, **Justices Robert A. Brennan, William J. Meade, and Amy Lyn Blake**, and Essex County Clerk Thomas Driscoll following sitting at Newburyport.

The Appeals Court traveled to New England Law Boston, Suffolk University Law School, University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston University School of Law, Worcester Justice Center, Essex Superior Court - Newburyport, and Barnstable Superior Court during the springtime. These away sittings, drawing the interest of local community and bar members, are a part of the Appeals Court's continued effort to broaden public awareness, understanding, and accessibility.

The Appeals Court celebrated 5/1 Law Day with its annual off-site sitting at Worcester Superior Court. The panel, consisting of **Chief Justice Mark V. Green, Associate Justice Gabrielle R. Wolohojian, and Associate Justice Mary Thomas Sullivan**, heard six cases, then participated in a Q&A session moderated by **Associate Justice Christopher P. Hodgins** before Worcester Superior Court Justices and the very active members of the Worcester County Bar Association.

During the Q&A session, the panel offered insight to attorneys preparing appeals—answering questions such as how to write a persuasive brief, navigating "hot panel"

questions, defining appellate "dos and don'ts," and preparing clients to observe their hearing. Advice was plentiful and offered with candor and fond memories of past chapters as practicing attorneys. The consensus was to be clear, concise, and credible.



Left to right: **Justice Sullivan**, **Chief Justice Green**, **Justice Hodgins**, and **Justice Wolohojian** during Worcester Law Day Q&A session

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE AMY LYN BLAKE DISCUSSES HER JOURNEY TO THE APPEALS COURT BENCH



Associate Justice Amy Lyn Blake joined "The Portia Project" host, M.C. Sungaila, in her podcast dedicated to inspiring women in the legal field by spotlighting the careers and journeys of successful women judges, lawyers, and professors. As Justice Blake recalls, her entry to the legal realm was "a complete accident," "not a direct path by any stretch but definitely the right path." She discusses her evolution from student, to attorney, to judge, and offers wisdom collected along the way, notably providing insight to the inner workings of the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Court's paperless system, and tips for appellate advocates.

Throughout the podcast, Justice Blake speaks to her interests in both teaching and learning. As her law clerks have pointed out, Justice Blake often remarks, "it takes a village." She embodies this collaborative mantra as a Justice, seeking to communicate through her opinions that even the unsuccessful party was heard; as a colleague, working with twenty-four other Justices; as a mentor, encouraging input and authorship from her clerks; and as an attorney, who once would invite opposing counsel to coffee and to critique her after a ruling. To women and girls seeking similar career paths, Justice Blake advises, "don't let anyone tell you 'you can't do it.'"

For more of the wisdom and insight shared by **Justice Amy Lyn Blake**, listen to her [episode of The Portia Project podcast](#).

UTILIZING AND NORMALIZING PERSONAL PRONOUNS IN LEGAL FILINGS, PROCEEDING, AND COMMUNICATIONS



An article entitled "Utilizing and Normalizing Personal Pronouns in Legal Filings, Proceedings, and Communications" and written by **Appeals Court Clerk Joseph Stanton (he/him)**, and **Clerk's Office Appeals Administrator Yoshiko Taylor (they/them)** was published in *Boston Bar Journal Spring 2023 Volume 67 #2*. This piece featured in "The Profession" series discusses the amendment made to Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Rule 1:08(1)(H), which offers attorneys and self-represented litigants the opportunity to list their personal pronouns along with other identifying information required by Rule 1:08(1). This amendment, among other proactive measures described and proposed within the article, are significant as "treating litigants, attorneys, witnesses, and court personnel respectfully and courteously is critical to forging an inclusive environment in all aspects of our system—from our courtrooms to law firms and across other venues such as legal seminars."

JOINT WAYS AND MEANS BUDGET HEARING



On April 4, 2023, testimony was presented before the Joint Committee on Ways & Means at Springfield Technical Community College in Springfield, Massachusetts. At this annual hearing, **Appeals Court Chief Justice Mark V. Green** (pictured in foreground) joined Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Kimberly Budd, Trial Court Chief Justice Jeffrey Locke, and Trial Court Administrator Thomas G. Ambrosino in proposing the budget for the judiciary.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT A. BRENNAN FEATURED AT SEMINAR FOR HANDLING OUI CASES



Appeals Court **Associate Justice Robert A. Brennan** (pictured) and **Chief Staff Attorney Casey Silvia** presented during a two-part seminar, "Handling Operating Under the Influence Cases," on May 9, 2023, and May 17, 2023, alongside Assistant District Attorney Ryan Rall, and Attorneys Joseph Bernard and Robert Murphy. Hosted by the Social Law Library, presenters at this seminar provided insight on proving and defending OUI cases, client intake and investigation, common pretrial motions and trial pitfalls, advice from the bench, and recent and relevant case law, and, furthermore, discussed how breath test devices work, breath-test-related discovery and pretrial challenges, how to admit a breath test and how to preserve the record, lessons learned from the *Ananias* litigation, a judicial perspective on *Daubert* hearings, and current challenges and what is to come.

CLERK JOSEPH STANTON PANELIST AT MICROAGGRESSIONS IN THE WORKPLACE SEMINAR



Appeals Court **Clerk Joseph Stanton** was a panelist at the Massachusetts Bar Association's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee education seminar, "Microaggressions in the Workplace: Part 3." Hosted on June 7, 2023, the seminar focused on developing a safe and supportive workplace by avoiding microaggressions related to gender identity.

THE APPEALS COURT JOINS **TWITTER**



The Appeals Court shared its historic first tweet to [Twitter account @MASSAPPCT](#) on April 13, 2023, in celebration of [Associate Justice Amy Lyn Blake's](#) keynote speaking engagement at the Lawrence Bar Association 2023 Spring Dinner. Moving forward, Twitter will serve the Appeals Court as an outward facing platform with a focus on providing live updates and information regarding Court engagements and events.

THE APPEALS COURT IS ON [YOUTUBE!](#)

The Appeals Court livestreams to [YouTube](#) all panel oral arguments in the Hale and Armstrong Courtrooms. This is in addition to the livestreaming of Zoom-based arguments. Livestreams in progress will be featured at the top of the landing page. To find past arguments, you can use the search tab within the channel to search by date, party name, or docket number. (For best docket number searching, use the [full](#) docket number, including leading zeroes – e.g., 2023-P-0123).

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