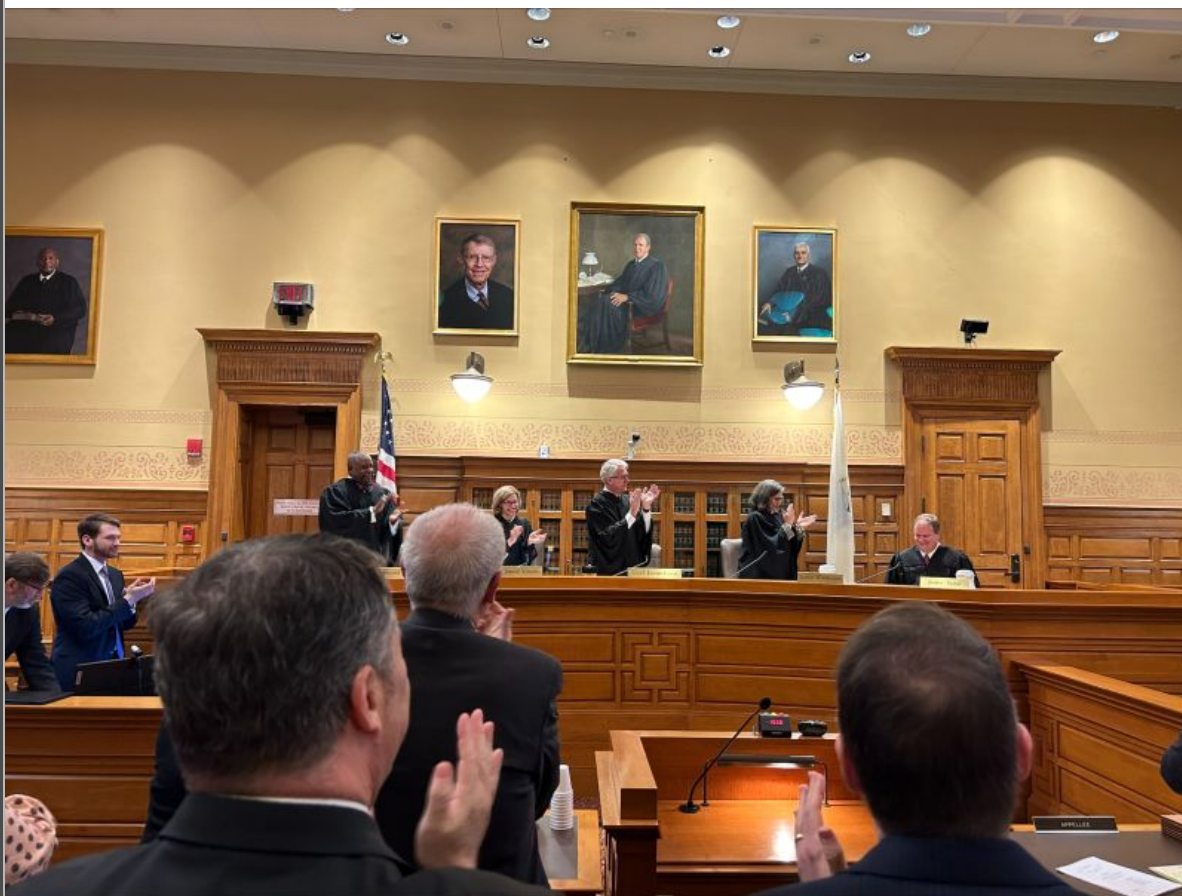


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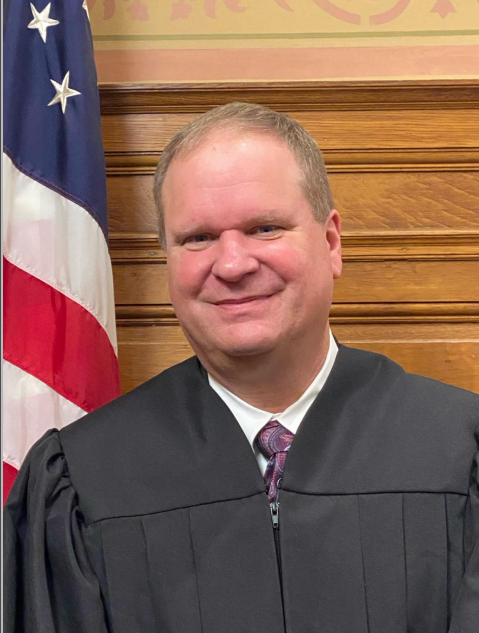
THE APPEALS COURT WELCOMES JUSTICE ROBERT E. TOONE, JR.



Pictured above is Justice Toone's ceremonial first sitting for the Appeals Court on January 8, 2024. On the bench (left to right) are **Justices Kenneth V. Desmond, Jr.,** and **Ariane D. Vuono,** **Chief Justice Mark V. Green,** and **Justices Gabrielle R. Wolohojian** and **Robert E. Toone, Jr.** You may watch Justice Toone's [**ceremonial first Appeals Court oral argument sitting here**](#).

Justice Robert E. Toone, Jr., graduated *cum laude* from Yale College with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. He then earned his Juris Doctor from Yale Law School.

Since 2015 and until his appointment to the Appeals Court, Justice Toone served as Chief of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Government Bureau, conducting government oversight and representing the Commonwealth, state agencies, officials, and employees in civil litigation. Previously, Justice Toone was a Partner with Foley Hoag LLP, served as Counsel to Senator Edward M. Kennedy on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, and worked as a civil rights attorney at the Southern Center for Human Rights.

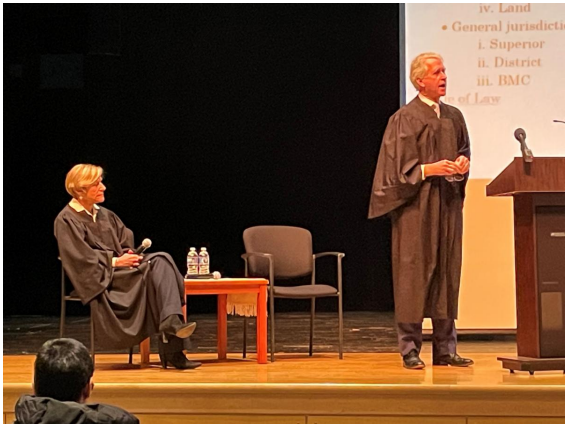


He was appointed by Governor Maura Healey and confirmed by unanimous vote in December 2023. Justice Toone first sat on panel on January 8, 2024 and had an oath of office ceremony on March 26, 2024.

Pictured below is **Justice Toone** (standing, right) during his ceremonial oath of office on March 26, 2024, with **Governor Maura Healey** (standing, left). Remarks were offered by (seated onstage, left to right) **Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell**, **Professor Brett Dignam** (Columbia Law School), **Chief Justice Mark V. Green** (master of ceremonies), and **Lieutenant Governor Kimberly Driscoll**. You may watch Justice Toone's [oath of office ceremony here](#) (courtesy of Governor's Press Office).



MARCH IS JUDICIAL OUTREACH MONTH



March is Judicial Outreach Month! As part of the American Bar Association's national outreach initiative, the Massachusetts Judiciary annually makes an added effort to engage with communities across the state, build community understanding and trust in the judiciary, and demonstrate the court's commitment to equal access to justice.

With the help of the Trial Court's Public Outreach Committee's coordination, for which **Justice Amy Lyn Blake** is the Appeals Court representative, current and retired judges are encouraged to meet with the public and shed light on the work and significance of the judicial branch. Throughout the month of March, several Appeals Court justices met with groups to discuss the Rule of Law and the importance of an impartial and independent judiciary.

Chief Justice Mark V. Green and retired **Superior Court Justice Karen F. Green** (pictured above, top left) visited Keith Middle School in New Bedford.

Justice Ariane D. Vuono (pictured above, top right) visited Western New England University Criminal Justice Association.

Justice Gabrielle R. Wolohojian (pictured above, bottom left) visited Ashland Middle School.

Justice Amy Lyn Blake visited a troop of Girl Scouts (pictured above, bottom right), Temple B'nai Abraham, and Lincoln-Sudbury High School.

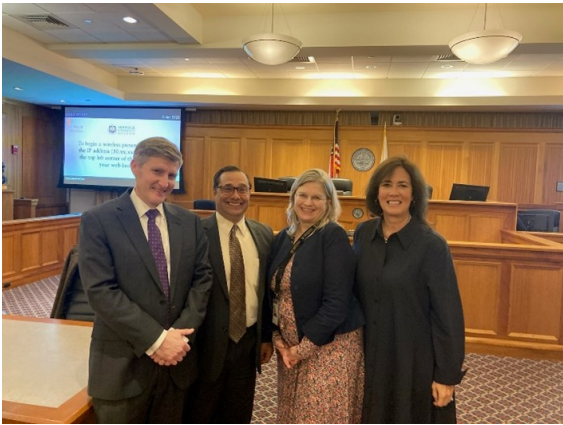
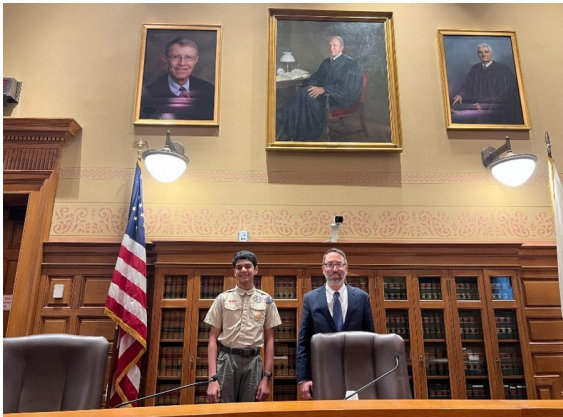
Justice Vickie L. Henry (pictured below, top left) visited McCall Middle School in Winchester.

Justice Joseph M. Ditkoff was interviewed by a Boy Scout (pictured below, top right) and visited Blue Hills Regional Technical School.


Justice John C. Englander, next month, will visit Norwood Council on Aging.

Justices Marguerite T. Grant, Andrew M. D'Angelo, and Christopher P. Hodgins (pictured below, bottom) visited Suffolk Law School.

Justice Rachel E. Hershfang visited Brookline Senior Center.



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Join Justice Kenneth V. Desmond, Jr. and other special guests from the Massachusetts Appeals Court for a discussion of clerkship and internship opportunities during and after law school.

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The Appeals Court hosted the first of its annual Clerkship and Diversity Pipeline programs in March, inviting law school students to connect with an Appeals Court justice, Administrative Attorney and Law Clerk Manager Maggi Farrell, and current and former law clerks to discuss clerkship and internship opportunities at the Appeals Court. These programs specifically seek to encourage applicants from diverse or historically marginalized backgrounds to consider beginning their careers at the Appeals Court. **Justice Sabita Singh** addressed student participants from Boston University School of Law on March 21, 2024, **Justice Kenneth V. Desmond, Jr.**, welcomed students from various regional law schools to join a discussion on March 27, 2024, and **Justice Sookyoung Shin** will address New England Law School on

APPEALS COURT MEMORIAL TO HONORABLE GORDON L. DOERFER



Honorable **Gordon L. Doerfer**, Associate Justice
2001-2007.



Pictured above: **Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell**
makes her motion at the special memorial sitting.

On February 21, 2024, the Appeals Court hosted a special sitting in memoriam of former Associate Justice Gordon L. Doerfer. Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell made a motion before Chief Justice Mark V. Green to have remarks speaking to the public career and life of Justice Doerfer ([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, Chief Justice Green allowed the proposed motion, commemorating Justice Doerfer's legacy in a formal and historic manner. A [recording of this memorial sitting](#) can be viewed on the Appeals Court YouTube channel.

JUSTICE KENNETH V. DESMOND, JR., HOSTS ANOTHER STUDENT GROUP



Peer leaders from Boston's Mather School stopped to visit the Appeals Court and were hosted by **Justice Kenneth V. Desmond, Jr.**, in the Allan M. Hale Courtroom. The students and their chaperones were pleased to learn about the appellate process and the justices whose portraits hang on the Hale Courtroom's walls.

APPEALS COURT MILESTONE: 10,000 FULL OPINIONS



On February 15, 2024, the release of **Justice Amy Lyn Blake**'s opinion in the case of *Williamson v. Barlam*, 2022-P-0985, marked the ten-thousandth full opinion in the Appeals Court's history.

TRAVELING JUSTICE:

APPEALS COURT BEGINS SPRING OFFSITE SITTING TOUR



Pictured above (in background) are **Justices Massing** (center), **Singh** (left), and **Grant** (right), along with Appeals Court staff, at New England Law - Boston on March 13, 2024.

March 5, 2024 at Boston University School of Law: Chief Justice Mark V. Green and Associate Justices Vickie L. Henry and Joseph M. Ditkoff

March 13, 2024 at New England Law - Boston: Justices Gregory I. Massing, Sabita Singh, and Marguerite T. Grant

April 2, 2024 at Suffolk Law School: Justices William J. Meade, John C. Englander, and Christopher P. Hodgins

April 10, 2024 at University of Massachusetts - Boston: Justices Kenneth V. Desmond, Jr., Kathryn E. Hand, and Marguerite T. Grant

May 1, 2024 at Worcester Superior Court: Panel TBD

May 8, 2024 at Lawrence Superior Court: Panel TBD

June 5, 2024 at Barnstable Superior Court: Panel TBD

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