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## GOVERNOR PATRICK NOMINATES EXPERIENCED CIRCUIT COURT JUSTICE TO HAMPDEN COUNTY PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

BOSTON - Tuesday, September 25, 2007 - Governor Patrick announced today that he has nominated Probate and Family Court Associate Circuit Justice Anne M. Geoffrion, 53, to the Hampden County Division of the Probate and Family Court. Geoffrion, an East Longmeadow resident and graduate of Western New England College School of Law, will be permanently assigned to hear cases in Springfield, after dividing her service among the four western counties since 1998. "Judge Geoffrion has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the fair and timely administration of justice in matters of significant import to our families," Governor Patrick said. Geoffrion came to the bench in 1998 with extensive experience as a private practitioner in domestic relations. She is highly respected by members of the local legal community, and acknowledged for her ability to meet the needs of the busy urban jurisdiction in Springfield. Judge Geoffrion, the mother of two, is a fellow of the Mass Bar Foundation and serves as chair of the Children's Grant Advisory Committee. She is a regular contributor to legal education courses sponsored by the Massachusetts Bar Association, Hampden County Bar Association and MCLE.

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