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Governor Baker Nominates Three to Massachusetts Appeals Court
Candidates bring a broad range of experiences to the Commonwealth’s intermediate appellate court

BOSTON – Governor Charlie Baker has nominated The Honorable C. Jeffrey Kinder and attorneys Vickie L. Henry and Eric Neyman to the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

The Appeals Court is the intermediate appellate court to which most appeals from the Massachusetts Trial Courts and a number of administrative bodies are made. In June Governor Baker made his first judicial appointment to the court naming Scott L. Kafker as Chief Justice.

“I am proud to nominate three accomplished attorneys who throughout their careers in both the public sector and private practice have been strong advocates on behalf of individuals, private organizations and the Commonwealth,” said Governor Baker. “I am confident they will be well received by the Court, quickly become significant contributors and uphold the Appeals Court’s mission of doing justice by rendering thoughtful, well-reasoned and timely decisions while treating all fairly and impartially.”

“I look forward to the Governor’s Council’s thoughtful consideration of Governor Baker’s nominations, and I appreciate the diverse legal perspectives that they will bring to the Appeals Court,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito.

About C. Jeffrey Kinder:
C. Jeffrey Kinder’s law career of 35 years began as a municipal prosecutor in Colorado, where he later served as a state and federal prosecutor. In 1989 he moved to Massachusetts and joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Springfield, and he became the Chief Assistant in that office in 1994. After leaving the U.S. Attorney’s Office in 1999, Kinder joined a firm in Northampton, MA that focused on civil and criminal litigation. He was appointed to the Superior Court in 2006 by Governor Romney, and in 2011 was made the Regional Administrative Justice for Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties. Justice Kinder graduated from Kenyon College in 1976 and the University of Toledo College of Law in 1981, and resides in Wilbraham.

About Vickie L. Henry:

Vickie L. Henry has practiced law in Massachusetts for nearly two decades, beginning in 1996 as an associate at Foley Hoag LLP and later serving as partner at that firm with a focus on intellectual property disputes, commercial litigation and product liability. In 2011, Attorney Henry left the firm to work at the Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders in Boston, where she serves as a Youth Initiative Director and Senior Staff Attorney. Before relocating to Massachusetts, Ms. Henry worked as an associate at Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May in Oakland, CA and as a Law Clerk for Justice Denise R. Johnson of the Vermont Supreme Court. Attorney Henry graduated cum laude from Wellesley College 1988 and summa cum laude from Boston University School of Law 1993. She resides in Jamaica Plain.

About Eric Neyman:

Since 2006, Eric Neyman has served as partner at McCarter & English, LLP in Boston, and previously as partner and associate at Gadsby Hannah LLP (2002-2005), where he has represented individuals, public and private companies, and government entities. From 2000 to 2002, Attorney Neyman was Deputy Legal Counsel to Governors Cellucci and Swift, and before that served as Deputy General Counsel for the Executive Office of Public Safety. Attorney Neyman has also been an Assistant District Attorney in the Berkshire County District Attorney’s Office and in the Gang and Appeals Units for the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office. Attorney Neyman graduated from Cornell University in 1990 and from Boston University School of Law in 1993. He resides in North Andover.

For more information about the Massachusetts Appeals Court, visit http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/appealscourt/.

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