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Governor Baker Nominates Mark J. Pasquariello to the Pittsfield District Court

BOSTON – Governor Charlie Baker has nominated Mark J. Pasquariello, a dedicated attorney with diverse experience and trial skills, to serve as a judge in the Pittsfield District Court.

“I am pleased to nominate Mark Pasquariello, a well-respected Western Massachusetts attorney with both criminal and civil experience for the Governor’s Council consideration,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “I am confident that if confirmed that he will approach the wide variety of cases that will come before him in a fair and balanced manner.”

“Mark Pasquariello’s twenty-six years of diverse experience and dedication to the law will make him an outstanding addition to the Pittsfield District Court, if confirmed by the Council,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “He is an attorney who has earned the respect of his peers, the bench and the bar and I am confident that he will serve the citizens of the Commonwealth well.”

There are 62 District Courts throughout the Commonwealth hearing a range of criminal, civil, housing, juvenile, mental health and other case types, including all felonies punishable by a sentence up to five years, misdemeanors and violations of city and town ordinances and by-laws.

For more information about the District Court, visit
Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor’s Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February, 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth’s diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April, 2015.

**About Mark J. Pasquariello**

Mark J. Pasquariello has been a solo practitioner in Adams, MA since 1997, specializing in criminal defense, guardianship and conservatorship matters, mental health litigation, real estate and probate of estates. Mr. Pasquariello was previously an associate with Grinnell & Dubendorf in Williamstown handling domestic relations matters, criminal trials, and general civil litigation. Before private practice, Mr. Pasquariello served in the public sector as a clerk to United States Federal District Court Judge Frank Freedman in Springfield and Penobscot County Superior Court Judge Eugene Beaulieu in Maine, and an Assistant Berkshire County District Attorney. During law school Mr Pasquariello served as a law clerk to Assistant U.S. Attorneys R. Jeffrey Behm and Sandra A. Strempel in Vermont and U.S Federal District Court Chief Justice Shane Devine in New Hampshire. Mr. Pasquariello graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical and Materials Engineering and received his juris doctorate from Vermont Law School in 1989. He lives in Windsor, MA with his wife, Julia Allan. They have two children.

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