

By Mr. Keating, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 827) of William R. Keating and Michael W. Morrissey for legislation to establish a judicial association for the Trial Court of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

AN ACT TO RELATIVE TO THE FUNCTIONS OF JUDICIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 There shall be a judicial association for the trial court of the
2 commonwealth. The members of the judicial association shall be
3 the judges of the several departments of the trial court. The asso-
4 ciation shall hold at least one annual meeting, at which its mem-
5 bers shall elect officers and elect at least one member from each
6 of the departments to the trial court, i.e., the superior court, the
7 probate and family court, the land court, the district court, the
8 Boston municipal court, the housing court, the juvenile court, to
9 serve as an executive committee. The members of the association
10 shall confer on matters of mutual interest and conduct such other
11 business relating to the performance of their judicial functions as
12 they deem appropriate. The officers and executive committee shall
13 consult with the chief justice and members of the supreme judicial
14 court and the chief administrative justice of the trial court with
15 respect to the impact of administrative policies on the functioning
16 of the courts, judges, and related agencies of the unified trial court
17 system and such other matters as they may deem appropriate.

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