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Governor Baker Nominates John C. Englander to Associate Justice of the Appeals Court

BOSTON— Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated John C. Englander to serve as the Associate Justice of the Appeals Court. Englander has over 30 years of experience as a partner in the trial department of Goodwin Procter a national law firm founded in Boston, and currently serves as General Counsel to MassDOT and the MBTA.

“John Englander has a distinguished record as an outstanding litigator in the public and private sectors, with a distinguished record of service to his clients, the Commonwealth and to the Courts,” said Governor Baker. “I am pleased to submit his name for the Governor’s Council’s advice and consent.”

“Attorney Englander has demonstrated a strong commitment to helping the citizens of Massachusetts and its communities as General Counsel for MassDOT and the MBTA as well as through his years of service helping support Cohasset Public Schools,” said Lt. Governor Polito. “I am confident his substantial experience will serve the people of Massachusetts well, if confirmed.”

The Massachusetts Appeals Court reviews decisions that trial judges across the Departments of the Trial Court have already made. Their jurisdiction also includes the Appellate Tax Board, the Industrial Accident board, and the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board. The Appeals Court has twenty-five statutory justices, including the chief justice.
For more information about the Appeals Court, please visit: http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/appealscourt/

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 John C. Englander
John C. Englander currently serves as General Counsel for MassDOT and the MBTA, where he advises on all legal issues facing the two agencies, including those raised by the effort to turnaround, and to improve, the MBTA. Previously, he served as a partner at Goodwin Procter where he was regularly recognized as one of the leading litigators in Massachusetts by Chambers USA and US News. Englander also co-founded and served on the Board of the Cohasset Education Foundation, a non-profit organized to support and fund the Cohasset Public Schools. After earning a Bachelor of Sciences in Mechanical Engineering at Cornell, he graduated first in class from Boston University Law School in 1983 and thereafter was a law clerk on the First Circuit Court of Appeals and on the United States Supreme Court. Englander and his wife, Mary-Ann, have three children.

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