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Governor Baker Nominates Paul M. Sushchyk of Sterling, MA to the Probate and Family Court

BOSTON—Last week, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Paul M. Sushchyk to serve as a Circuit Associate Justice of the Probate and Family Court. Sushchyk has over three decades of legal experience and served for 27 years in the United States Army Reserve, retiring in 2003 as a US Army Judge Advocate Major.

“Paul Sushchyk’s years of legal experience qualify him well for the Probate and Family Court, if confirmed,” said Governor Baker. “I am confident his demeanor and work ethic will serve the court well.”

“Paul Sushchyk has dedicated his career to helping others,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “If confirmed by the Governor’s Council, the Probate and Family Court will benefit greatly from his knowledge and experience with the legal system.”

The Probate and Family Court Department has jurisdiction over family-related and probate matters such as divorce, paternity, child support, custody, parenting time, adoption, termination of parental rights, abuse prevention and wills, estates, trusts, guardianships, conservatorships, and changes of name.

For more information on the Probate & Family Court, visit: http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/trial-court/pfc/

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 Paul M. Sushchyk**

Paul M. Sushchyk is currently engaged in the private practice of law in Worcester. He was previously associated with the firms of Army and Army LLC and Berg and Laipson. Sushchyk served in the United States Army Reserve from 1979 to 2003 as a non-commissioned officer and as a commissioned officer with the Judge Advocate Corps. Sushchyk began his career as a police officer with the Sterling Police Department and worked as a Trooper in the New Hampshire State Police. He also served as a Sterling Selectman from 2000 to 2013. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association, serving on the Executive Committee and is a past President. Mr. Sushchyk resides in Sterling with his wife, Betty and has three adult children.

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