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## **Governor Baker Nominates Sharon Shelfer Casey as Clerk Magistrate of the Cambridge District Court**

**BOSTON** – Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Sharon Shelfer Casey to the position of Clerk Magistrate of the Cambridge District Court. Attorney Casey has 28 years of legal experience in the private and public sectors. Most recently, she was the Executive Director of the Judicial Nominating Commission and Deputy Legal Counsel to the Office of Governor Charlie Baker.

“Attorney Casey has the skills and experience to serve as the Clerk Magistrate for the Cambridge District Court,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “If confirmed, she will serve all parties, attorneys, law enforcement officials and judges in that Court with her efficiency, wisdom and judgment.”

“Sharon Shelfer Casey has been an active member of the North Shore Community for over 25 years and an outstanding member of our administration since 2015,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “Both in her community activities and her professional life she has excelled, and we are sure that she will do the same in the District Court if the Governor’s Council provides its advice and consent to her nomination.”

The District Court hears a wide range of criminal, civil, housing, juvenile, mental health, and other types of cases. District Court criminal jurisdiction extends to all felonies punishable by a sentence up to five years, and many other specific felonies with greater potential penalties; all misdemeanors; and all violations of city and town ordinances and by-laws. The District Court is located in 62 courts across the Commonwealth.

For more information about the District Court, visit their [homepage](#).

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 Sharon Shelfer Casey:**

Sharon Shelfer Casey was the Former Executive Director of the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and Deputy Legal Counsel to the Governor. She was responsible for overseeing the process set out in Governor Baker's Executive Order #558 that established the twenty-one member JNC, as well as procedures involving applications for judicial office. She was involved with the appointments of more than 30% of the judiciary and five of the seven Supreme Judicial Court Justices. Before joining the Baker-Polito Administration in January of 2015, she served as Legal Counsel to the Southern Essex District Registry of Deeds for sixteen years. In 1997 she started the real estate and elder law departments at Casey & Casey, PC in Lynn, a firm that merged into Casey & Lundregan, PC of Salem. Attorney Casey began her legal career at Fidelity Investments in Boston, where she worked from 1991 to 1997 as part of the high yield and real estate group and was involved in the start-up of two high yield mutual funds, numerous private placements and the reorganizations of Macy's and El Paso Electric. She helped establish, implement and insure compliance with detailed "Chinese Wall" procedures between the different trading desks and research departments. In addition, she reviewed transactional documents and analyzed and responded to compliance, corporate action and trading issues involving the Securities & Exchange Commission, The Federal Reserve Bank, The National Association of Securities Dealers, and appeared before the Las Vegas and Nevada Gaming Commissions. Ms. Casey and her family are active members of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Marblehead and Rotary in Salem. She received her B.A. with a concentration in economics from Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia, and a J.D. from New England Law Boston.

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