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# In Remarks at Ceremonial Swearing In, Supreme Judicial Court Justice Lowy Says, "The SJC decision making process is what I hoped it would be"

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**BOSTON, MA** — Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker today delivered a ceremonial administration of the Oath of Office in the House Chamber, swearing in the Honorable David A. Lowy as Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

"Having had the privilege of working with Justice Lowy, I have witnessed firsthand his admirable character, his sense of empathy, and the kind of energy and passion for justice that will bolster the ability of the state's highest court to serve our citizens very well," said Governor Charlie Baker. "I am confident that he will be an effective and respected Massachusetts Supreme Court Justice and will be vital in shaping jurisprudence and maintaining the prestige of our honored court system."

The ceremony began with House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo delivering opening remarks. Retired Supreme Judicial Court Associate Justice Robert J. Cordy, whose seat was filled by Justice Lowy, served as Master of Ceremonies.

The grandchildren of former Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci and Mrs. Janet G. Cellucci--Rhys Argeo Adams and Francesca Alice Adams-- said the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an Invocation by Rabbi David Meyer of Temple Emanu-El in Marblehead.

Speakers included Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn E. Polito, former Massachusetts Governor William F. Weld and Brackett B. Denniston, III, Senior Counsel at Goodwin and retired General Counsel at General Electric. After Governor Baker administered the ceremonial Oath of Office, Justice Lowy delivered remarks.

"Today as Governor Baker administered the ceremonial oath in the presence of my family, my colleagues, my mentors and friends, I took the oath with the sacrifice of my grandparents and parents inseparable from my soul, unvarnished in my memory, and ever-present as I strive to bring honor to their name and the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court," said Justice Lowy.

Justice Lowy was administered the official oath on August 24, 2016, before the start of the new court year in order to begin hearing oral arguments in time for the Court's Sitting Week in September. "The Supreme Judicial Court decision making process is what I hoped it would be and what each of you has a right to demand and expect," said Justice Lowy. "I love my job. I do not even consider it a job. It is a labor of love. I am surrounded by six justices who bring to each case equanimity, indefatigable effort, and intellectual honesty. What an honor it is to be a member of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, the oldest continuing sitting constitutional court in the western hemisphere."

Justice Lowy earned a B.A., cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1983, and graduated magna cum laude from Boston University School of Law in 1987.

Following law school, Justice Lowy became an associate in the Litigation Department of Goodwin, Procter & Hoar (1987-88 and 89-90), leaving for a yearlong stint to work as a law clerk to Judge Edward F. Harrington in the U.S. District Court. He was also an assistant district attorney in Essex and Suffolk Counties (1992 -1997) and served as Deputy Legal Counsel to Governor William F. Weld (1992 -1995).

Justice Lowy was first appointed to the bench in 1997 as a District Court judge. In 2001, Governor Paul Cellucci appointed him to the Superior Court bench.

Justice Lowy served on the Supreme Judicial Court Advisory Committee on Massachusetts Evidence Law as an Assistant Editor; the committee's work resulted in publication of the Massachusetts Guide to Evidence in 2008. Justice Lowy's teaching positions include adjunct professorships at New England School of Law | Boston (1991- present); Suffolk University Law School (1995-2005), and Boston University School of Law (2006 - present), where he teaches courses in evidence.

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