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Governor Baker Nominates Ina Howard-Hogan to District Court

BOSTON – Governor Charlie Baker has nominated Ina Howard-Hogan, an attorney with a wealth of experience in the justice system to serve as a judge in the District Court.

“I am confident Attorney Howard-Hogan will be a valued member of the District Court and serve those before it expeditiously and promptly, with a true sense of fairness and justice,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “Her vast knowledge, drawn from years of experience makes her an important asset to the Commonwealth, and I am pleased to recommend her to the Governor’s Council for their consideration.”

“Ina Howard-Hogan’s problem solving abilities, management and communication skills and dedication to community service and justice will provide a high caliber of service and leadership to the judiciary,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “Her unique experience and sound judgment make her an excellent candidate.”

Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission and recommended to the Governor. All judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor’s Council.

There are 62 District Courts throughout the Commonwealth hearing a range of criminal, civil, housing, juvenile, mental health and other case types, including all

felonies punishable by a sentence up to five years, misdemeanors and violations of city and town ordinances and by-laws.

For more information about the District Court, visit <http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/trial-court/dc/>.

About Ina Howard- Hogan:

Ina Howard- Hogan has worked with the Massachusetts Parole Board for the past seven years, first serving as a General Counsel and then as a Parole Board Member. Previously, Attorney Howard-Hogan was an Assistant Attorney General with the Massachusetts' Attorney General's Office from 2005 through 2008 in the Criminal Bureau; United States Federal Probation Officer for the US District Court of Massachusetts in the Presentence Unit from 2002 through 2005; and an Assistant District Attorney with the Essex County District Attorney's Office where she went on to supervise the Domestic Violence Unit from 1998 through 2002. Attorney Howard-Hogan earned her Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Boston College in 1990 and a law degree from Northeastern University Law School in 1993. She has also served on the Board of the Robert F. Kennedy's Children's Action Corps for more than ten years.

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