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Governor Baker Nominates Nan M. Sauer as Associate Justice of the Probate and Family Court

BOSTON — Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Nan M. Sauer as Associate Justice of the Probate and Family Court. Attorney Sauer has 17 years of legal experience.

"Attorney Sauer's many years of experience have prepared her well to serve as an Associate Justice of the Probate and Family Court," **said Governor Charlie Baker**. "I am pleased to submit this qualified candidate to the Governor's Council for their advice and consent."

"Attorney Sauer possesses a deep knowledge of the law that will serve her well in this position," **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. "If approved, I am confident that she will be a fair and thoughtful member of the Probate and Family Court."

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. The Probate and Family Court has over 40 judges, including Chief Justice John D. Casey. For more information on the Probate and Family Court, please 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 Nan M. Sauer

Nan M. Sauer began her legal career in 1998 when she joined Headstrong, Inc. as a principal consultant in their Office of the Firmwide Counsel until 2004. While still in law school, she also worked as a legal research assistant at New England School of Law and was a judicial intern for Judge Judith Dein of the U.S. District Court. Attorney Sauer also served as a law clerk under Ester J. Horwich, Esq. Upon graduation, Attorney Sauer became a judicial law clerk for the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court, assisting Justices in various counties in Eastern Massachusetts. From 2006 to 2016, she worked at Lee & Rivers, LLP, and focused exclusively on Probate and Family Court matters, including contested divorce and child custody matters. Attorney Sauer co-founded Roberts & Sauer, LLP in 2016, and her firm focuses on Probate and Family Court matters. Since 2017, she has been a member of Governor Baker's Task Force on Hate Crimes, which encourages effective coordination in the awareness, prevention, investigation, and prosecution of hate crimes throughout the Commonwealth. Attorney Sauer is a member of the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association, serving in various leadership positions including Co-Chair from 2015 until 2017, as well as a Trustee of her condominium association. A volunteer with both the Middlesex County Bar Association Conciliation Program and MBA Dial-a-Lawyer, Attorney Sauer received her bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1988 and her Juris Doctorate from New England School of Law in 2004.

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