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Governor Baker Nominates Attorneys Jennifer Melia and Roxann C. Tetreau to the Probate and Family Court

BOSTON – Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Attorneys Jennifer Melia and Roxann C. Tetreau as Circuit Associate Justices of the Probate and Family Court. The Probate and Family Court is a specialty court that hears matters including divorce, child support, parental rights and wills and estates.

“Attorneys Jennifer Melia and Roxann Tetreau bring significant experience and dedication in family law and if confirmed, I am confident they will serve the court well,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “I am pleased to nominate these two qualified professionals to serve on the Probate and Family Court.”

“Attorneys Jennifer Melia and Roxann Tetreau have varied family and probate law experience that will enhance the Probate and Family Court bench and serve the families of the Commonwealth well,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “I am pleased to submit their names to the Governor’s Council for their advice and consent.”

For more information on the Probate and Family Court please visit:

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 Jennifer Melia:

Since 2007, Attorney Jennifer Melia has been a solo practitioner focused on family and probate law. She has represented over 650 clients in adoption, alimony, child support, divorce, equity, guardianship, inheritance, paternity, medical insurance and tax dependency and liability cases. Additionally, Melia has been appointed as Guardian Ad Litem in over 200 cases. Before starting her private practice, Attorney Melia served the Worcester Probate and Family Court Probation Department from 1996-2007 as a Probation Officer, mediating contested cases involving attorneys and pro se litigants, preparing child support guidelines and mediating cases involving financial and custody issues. From 1992-1996 Melia worked as a Social Worker and Investigator at the Department of Children and Families in the Fitchburg and Framingham offices investigating allegations of abuse and neglect. Aside from her legal career, Melia serves as President of Northbridge Middle School Booster Club, fundraising and organizing sports. Attorney Melia graduated with a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Connecticut in 1992 and a M.A. in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College in 1999. She received her J.D. from New England School of Law in 2004.

About Roxann C. Tetreau:

Attorney Roxann C. Tetreau is a partner in the law firm of Eden Rafferty in Worcester. She obtained her B.S. in Business Administration, cum laude, from Nichols College in 1988 and worked as a claims adjuster for a large insurance company for several years. In 1993, Tetreau began work at the law firm as a personal injury claims manager. She earned her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in 1999. Following her graduation, she focused on personal injury litigation and worked as a Bar Advocate representing indigent clients throughout Worcester County. Throughout her career, Tetreau has represented hundreds of clients in the areas of divorce, paternity, child custody, child support, modifications and guardianships, as well as serving as a court appointed conciliator. In addition, Tetreau is an active member of the Worcester County Bar Association having served on numerous committees. She resides in Dudley with her husband and family.

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