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Massachusetts Bar Association: Governor’s court budget proposal a ‘good first step’

BOSTON, Mass. — The following is a statement from the Massachusetts Bar Association in response to Governor Charlie Baker’s budget proposal for fiscal year 2017:

“Governor Baker’s fiscal year 2017 budget proposal — particularly the funding for specialty courts, such as drug courts, and the new money allocated for the statewide expansion of the Housing Court — is a welcome sign of support for the important role our courts play in communities across the commonwealth,” said MBA Chief Legal Counsel and Chief Operating Officer Martin W. Healy. “Although the numbers fall short of the Trial Court’s request, we view the governor’s budget as a good first step. We will be working diligently with court and legislative leadership to obtain the additional funding needed to ensure the proper administration of justice.”

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