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Mass. Bar Association Applauds Nomination of ‘Trial-Tested’ Judges for Supreme Judicial Court Vacancies

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) applauds Governor Charlie Baker’s nomination of Hon. Kimberly Budd, Hon. Frank M. Gaziano and Hon. David A. Lowy to fill the three upcoming judicial vacancies at the Supreme Judicial Court.

“Presented with a unique opportunity to shape the commonwealth’s highest court in his first term, Governor Baker has made an impressive opening statement with the nomination of three highly regarded Superior Court judges,” said Massachusetts Bar Association Chief Legal Counsel and Chief Operating Officer Martin W. Healy. “While each brings his or her own strengths, all the nominees are trial-tested judges who have proven their mettle in court — both from the bench and in their previous legal practices. The SJC should benefit immediately from the elevation of this trio of experienced trial judges, who share a prescient understanding of the legal issues that are likely to appear before the court.”

Healy added: “We commend the governor’s commitment to strengthening the Massachusetts judiciary by appointing smart, qualified leaders from diverse backgrounds. We urge the Governor’s Council to move quickly to confirm the nominations of Judges Budd, Gaziano and Lowy, so that the SJC can continue its important work uninterrupted.”

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