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Mass. Bar Association Strongly Supports Nomination of Justice Cypher to the Supreme Judicial Court

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) applauds Governor Charlie Baker’s nomination of Appeals Court Associate Justice Elspeth B. Cypher to the Supreme Judicial Court. This is Gov. Baker’s fourth nomination to the SJC; once confirmed, Justice Cypher will give him a majority of appointees on the court.

“Elevating Justice Cypher flips the court from a majority Deval Patrick court to one where Gov. Baker seizes the historic mantle,” said Massachusetts Bar Association Chief Legal Counsel Martin W. Healy. “It ensures his impact on the laws of the commonwealth will extend far beyond his years in office.”

Healy noted that Justice Cypher formerly served as co-chair of the MBA’s Criminal Justice Section. “Justice Cypher literally wrote the book on Massachusetts criminal practice and procedure. She is a strong choice for elevation to the SJC, and I would expect her to hit the ground running due to her appellate experience and well-regarded reputation for scholarship,” he said.

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