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Mass. Bar Association Strongly Supports Elevation of Appeals Court Chief to Supreme Judicial Court

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) strongly supports Governor Charlie Baker’s nomination of Massachusetts Appeals Court Chief Justice Scott L. Kafker to the Supreme Judicial Court.

“Chief Justice Kafker is an outstanding pick to be elevated to the Supreme Judicial Court, given his stature as a leading constitutional scholar and well-respected appellate court leader,” said Massachusetts Bar Association Chief Legal Counsel Martin W. Healy. “His unparalleled intellect will complement an already strong bench at the top of our judicial system.”

Healy added: “This is yet another impressive choice for the SJC by Governor Baker — his fifth nomination to the court in just the last year. With Chief Justice Kafker’s expected appointment, I believe the governor has forged an independent, modern Supreme Judicial Court capable of leading the commonwealth for many years to come.”

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