

## **Judges' Bios**

### **Associate Justice Amy Lyn Blake**

Associate Justice on the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the intermediate appellate court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She was nominated to the court by former Governor Deval Patrick. Justice Blake received her undergraduate degree from the University of Rochester in 1987 and her J.D. degree from the New England School of Law in 1992.

2014-Present: Judge, Massachusetts Appeals Court

2008-2014: Judge, Essex Probate and Family Court

2003-2008: Partner, Casner & Edwards, LLP

1994-2003: Attorney, White Inker Aronson, P.C.

1992-1994: Assistant district attorney and victim's advocate, Middlesex County District Attorney's Office

### **First Justice MaryLou Muirhead**

Judge Muirhead joined the housing court bench in December 2006 and was named as the First Justice of the Eastern Division thereof in 2018. An active member of the National Association of Women Judges, she served as the District Director for District 1 from 2012 to 2018. As a member of the Housing Court Department of the Massachusetts Trial Court, she has served on the Access to Justice Commission, the Trial Court Race and Implicit Bias Advisory Committee. Judge Muirhead also chairs the Statewide Steering Committee for the Tenancy Preservation Program, a homelessness prevention program through which social service providers connect tenants, including families with children with disabilities, facing eviction as a result of behavior related to a disability (e.g. mental illness, mental retardation, substance abuse, aging related impairments) to preserve tenancies. Judge Muirhead obtained her law degree from New England Law | Boston (f/k/a New England School of Law) and her undergraduate degree from State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

### **Associate Justice Joanna Rodriguez**

Judge Rodriguez was appointed Associate Justice of the Juvenile Court, Middlesex County Division on November 1, 2020 by Governor Charlie Baker. Prior to her appointment, Judge Rodriguez was the Deputy General Counsel for the Sex Offender Registry. Prior to that, Judge Rodriguez began her legal career in 2002 and opened her own practice in 2008. Judge Rodriguez's law firm focused on family, juvenile, and criminal law matters. Judge Rodriguez also served since 2019 as a hearing officer for the Board of Bar Overseers and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's Voting Rights Observer Program since 2006.

Judge Rodriguez received her Bachelor's Degree from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ and her Juris Doctorate from Massachusetts School of Law in Andover, Massachusetts.