

Biography of Honorable David H. Hennessy



David Hennessy was sworn in as a magistrate judge in Worcester in May 2013. Prior to his appointment, Judge Hennessy served as Chief of the Worcester Branch of the United States Attorney's Office, and served in the capacity since 2008. He was an Assistant United States Attorney since January 1995, serving first in the organized crime section of the United States Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, New York, and then in Massachusetts since July 1999. During his 18 years as a federal prosecutor, Judge Hennessy also served in other parts of the Justice Department. He was Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General at the Criminal Division in Washington from 2008 through 2009, and he served on the Attorney General's Death Penalty Committee from 2012 through 2013. Judge Hennessy received the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service for his work on the Enron Task Force. Judge Hennessy is a graduate of the State University of New York and Fordham University School of Law. After graduating law school, he worked at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York and later the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. He has taught Constitutional Law at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester.