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The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts has announced that Timothy S. Hillman of Fitchburg has been appointed as a Magistrate Judge of this court. Magistrate Judge Hillman will sit in Worcester, filling the vacancy created by the recent retirement of Chief Magistrate Judge Charles B. Swartwood III.

Magistrate Judge Hillman, 57, most recently served as a Justice for the Massachusetts Superior Court. Prior to that appointment, he served as Presiding Justice in both the Worcester District Court and the Gardner District Court. Prior to his appointment to the District Court, he served as Town Counsel to the towns of Petersham, Athol and Lunenburg, and City Solicitor to the cities of Gardner and Fitchburg. He was employed as a staff attorney at the law firm of Murphy and Pusateri in Fitchburg and later in private practice, also in Fitchburg. From 1975 to 1979 he was employed as an Assistant District Attorney for Worcester County.

Magistrate Judge Hillman has taught courses on trial advocacy at Clark University, and law and psychiatry at Massachusetts School of Law. He has also taught countless continuing legal education programs on topics including evidence, juries and expert witnesses. While in the Superior Court, Magistrate Judge Hillman was Project Executive for *MassCourts*, the Massachusetts Trial Court's Information Technology Project.

Magistrate Judge Hillman is a graduate of Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Massachusetts.

Magistrate Judge Hillman and his wife Kay live in Fitchburg and are the parents of three children, Zachary, Molly and Patrick.

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