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The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts has announced that as of February 1, 2006, Magistrate Judge Kenneth P. Neiman succeeded Magistrate Judge Charles B. Swartwood III as Chief Magistrate Judge of the Court. He will serve a term of three years, and becomes the sixth Chief Magistrate Judge of the District of Massachusetts since the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System endorsed the practice of district courts designating a chief or presiding magistrate judge in 1988.

Former Chief Magistrate Swartwood served in that capacity from January 1, 2005 until his retirement on January 31, 2006.

Kenneth P. Neiman was appointed United States Magistrate Judge on January, 1995, and re-appointed for a second eight year term in 2003. Chief Magistrate Judge Neiman sits in the Western Division (Springfield) of this district. From 1981 to 1994 he was in private practice as a partner in the firm of Fierst and Neiman in Northampton, Massachusetts. Prior to that he was a legal services attorney with Western Massachusetts Legal Services and the Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law in New York. In 1978, he was a non-resident Research Fellow with the Legal Services Corporation Research Institute.

Judge Neiman is a 1967 graduate of Tufts College and a 1971 graduate of Harvard Law School. He teaches as adjunct faculty at Western New England College School of Law and has also taught at the University of Massachusetts and Smith College School for Social Work. In 1990 he was the recipient of the Massachusetts Bar Association's Community Service Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service. Presently he is on the editorial board of the Federal Courts Law Review, an on-line legal publication.

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