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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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The Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts have selected Jennifer Boal to be a Magistrate Judge, subject to the required background investigation. When appointed, Magistrate Judge Boal will sit in Boston, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Magistrate Judge Joyce London Alexander.

Chief Judge Mark L. Wolf said: "Ms. Boal emerged from a very impressive field of well-qualified candidates. She was distinguished by her demonstrated dedication to the administration of justice, and by the skill and fine judgment she displayed in her many cases before the judges who selected her."

Magistrate Judge Boal, 46, now serves as the Chief of the Civil Division in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts, and has served in that capacity since August 2002. She supervises 40 lawyers charged with overseeing affirmative and defensive cases in which the United States is a litigant.

Prior to being named Civil Chief, Ms. Boal served in the Criminal Division for three years, prosecuting economic crimes and asset forfeiture cases. She also served as an Assistant United States Attorney from 1991 to 1999 in the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York.

During her tenure with the Department of Justice, Ms. Boal has received several national awards. In 2006, she received a Department of Justice Director's Award for her work on United States ex rel Driscoll v. Serono, a health care fraud case that resulted in a \$700 million recovery for the United States. In 1993, she received a Director's Award for her work on an international money laundering and asset forfeiture case.

Magistrate Judge Boal is a graduate of Haverford College in Haverford, Pennsylvania and Cornell Law School, in Ithaca, New York. She currently serves on the Board of Managers of Haverford College and has done so since 2001.

Magistrate Boal resides in Winchester, Massachusetts.

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