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On January 7, 2015, Allison D. Burroughs was sworn in as a United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. Judge Burroughs will sit in Boston.

Judge Burroughs is a graduate of Middlebury College and received her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Burroughs was a partner in the Boston law firm of Nutter McClennen & Fish. Before entering private practice, she served in the Boston and Philadelphia offices of the United States Attorney's Office. During her sixteen years as an Assistant United States Attorney, Judge Burroughs developed trial and investigation expertise in sophisticated white collar and economic crimes. Judge Burroughs began her legal career as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Norma L. Shapiro in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Burroughs was appointed to the BBA's Wrongful Conviction Task Force, as well as the Newton Police Chief Search Committee. Judge Burroughs serves on the board of directors for Agassiz Village, an overnight camp for inner city youth and is a founding member of Womenade Boston, a non-profit that supports programs for teenage girls and women. She has moderated and participated as a panel member for numerous Bar Association events, including topics such as computer crime, sentencing, health care and general criminal litigation. Additionally, she was appointed as Special Counsel by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in 2011 and served a term as a member of the First Circuit Rules Advisory Committee.

Chief Judge Saris said, "Judge Burroughs fills the seat left vacant when Judge Rya Zobel took senior status, and is the fourth new judge on the Federal District Court confirmed in the past year. We are excited to have her energy and vast civil and criminal litigation experience."

A formal investiture ceremony will be scheduled at a later date.

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