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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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On July 7, 2015, the U.S. District Court selected Jessica Hedges, Esq. to serve a two year term as Chair of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Board.

Ms. Hedges is a graduate of Boston College and received her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law. Following work as a term law clerk at the Massachusetts Superior Court, Ms. Hedges began her legal career at a small Boston criminal defense and civil rights firm. She is currently a founding senior partner of the firm Hedges & Tumposky, LLP. Ms. Hedges brings a wealth of criminal defense experience to her position as Chair of the Criminal Justice Act Board. Ms. Hedges also teaches at Boston College and Northeastern University School of Law.

The court wishes to express its gratitude to outgoing board chair, John Salsberg, Esq. Mr. Salsberg oversaw a recruitment effort for the panels in Boston and Springfield. Mr. Salsberg was a staunch advocate for an independent defense bar and provided valuable feedback to the court on the composition and administration of the CJA board and the CJA panel.

The Criminal Justice Act Board assists the court in the selection and administration of the Criminal Justice Act Panel, a slate of attorneys who are authorized to accept court appointments on behalf of indigent defendants. The board advises the Court on matters pertaining to the practices and policies of the Court. The board also serves a liaison function, in cooperation with the Federal Public Defenders Office, raising with the court matters of concern to the criminal defense bar.

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