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Judge George A. O'Toole Jr. of the United States District Court of the District of Massachusetts has advised President Trump that he will become a Senior Judge of this Court as of January 1, 2018. Judge O'Toole received his commission from President Clinton in 1995.

Chief Judge Patti B. Saris said: "When Judge O'Toole became a federal judge in 1995, he brought to our Court a wealth of experience as a state judge, as well as a private litigator. Throughout his career, he has epitomized the learned, careful, fair-minded judge. He has presided over some of the District's most important cases, including most prominently the Boston Marathon bombing trial. Luckily for all of us, Judge O'Toole will continue to serve as a senior judge on the Court."

Throughout his tenure on the Court, Judge O'Toole has been active in judicial administration. At the local level, he has served at various times as the Court's liaison judge to the magistrate judges, the pretrial services office, the pro se staff attorneys, and the media. He is currently a member of the Court's internal committee on information technology. At the national level, he has served as a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Security and Facilities (1999 to 2005) and Committee on Judicial Security (2005 to 2007). He is currently a member of the Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System.

Judge O'Toole has been a frequent participant and presenter at educational panels sponsored by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the Federal Judicial Center, law schools, bar associations, and similar organizations. He is a member of the Boston Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, currently serving as its vice president.

Prior to joining the federal bench, Judge O'Toole served as an associate justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court (1990 to 1995) and the Boston Municipal Court (1982 to 1990). Before that he was engaged in the private practice of law as a litigator with the Boston firm of Hale and Dorr, now WilmerHale. He is a graduate of the Harvard Law School. He earned his baccalaureate degree from Boston College.

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