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On June 16, 2014, Magistrate Judge Jennifer C. Boal became Chief Magistrate Judge. Chief Magistrate Judge Boal will serve a term of three years and becomes the ninth Chief Magistrate Judge of the District of Massachusetts. Former Chief Magistrate Judge Sorokin served in that capacity from February 1, 2012 through June 15, 2014 when he was sworn in as a United States District Judge.

Judge Boal was appointed United States Magistrate Judge by the United States District Court on May 3, 2010. From 2002 to 2010, Judge Boal served as the Chief of the Civil Division in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. In that capacity, she both litigated cases and supervised a 40-person division. Before being named Civil Chief, Judge Boal served in the District of Massachusetts' 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. Prior to becoming an Assistant United States Attorney, Judge Boal worked in private practice at Shearman & Sterling in New York City. During her tenure with the Department of Justice, Judge Boal received several national awards.

Chief Judge Patti B. Saris states: "Chief Magistrate Judge Boal has extensive administrative and legal experience. Magistrate Judges have visible, expanded and significant roles on the court. As Chief, she will lead the outstanding group of magistrate judges we are proud to have in this District."

Judge Boal graduated from Haverford College in 1985 and from Cornell Law School in 1989.

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