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United States District Court Judge William G. Young has advised President Biden that on July 1, 2021, he intends to retire from regular active service as a United States District Court Judge. He also advised the President that he intends to continue to serve as a senior judge.

Judge Young was appointed to the court on April 4, 1985, and served as Chief Judge from 1999 to 2005. Before his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Young served a distinguished tenure as an Associate Justice of the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1978 to 1985. A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Judge Young served as a Captain in the United States Army from 1962 to 1964. He clerked for the Honorable Chief Justice Raymond S. Wilkins of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court before entering private practice at Bingham, Dana & Gould. Judge Young later served as Special Assistant Attorney General and Chief Counsel to the Governor of Massachusetts.

A forceful advocate of the American jury system, Judge Young's judicial influence stretches beyond the District of Massachusetts. He continues to serve the judiciary nationwide through designation in other courts, including the Districts of Puerto Rico, New York Southern, Florida Middle, Idaho, and North Carolina Western. One of Judge Young's most ambitious assignments outside the District of Massachusetts was his oversight of national litigation related to tobacco settlements, shepherding more than 1,000 cases in the Middle District of Florida. He also hosts judges from around the world as they observe the American judicial process.

Judge Young has lectured at Harvard Law School, Boston College Law School, Boston University School of Law, and other law schools throughout the country. Judge Young is the principal author of the *Massachusetts Practice Annotated Guide to Massachusetts Evidence* and has served as a member of various committees for the Massachusetts Bar Association, Boston Bar Association, and Massachusetts Judicial Council. An active alumnus of Harvard College, Judge Young has served in various capacities for the College, its Board of Overseers, and its Alumni Association. Judge Young is a recipient of the ALI-ABA Harrison Tweed Award for Excellence in Continuing Legal Education, the Boston Bar Association Citation of Judicial Excellence, and the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys Award for Judicial Excellence.

Chief Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV said: "Judge Young enjoys a national reputation, not only as an able trial judge, but also as a passionate advocate for the jury system and an energetic defender of justice. He has been a prodigious worker, handling both a full caseload on our court and serving as a visiting judge in many other jurisdictions. He also led the court with considerable skill and diplomacy for seven years as chief judge. His greatest legacy, however, may result from his work as a talented and engaging teacher of law to countless numbers of lawyers and law students, where his impact will likely be felt across many generations."

Judge Young's family includes his wife Bev, children Mark, Jeffrey, and Todd, and nine grandchildren.