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On June 16, 2017, Magistrate Judge David H. Hennessy became Chief Magistrate Judge. Chief Magistrate Judge Hennessy will serve a term of three years and becomes the ninth Chief Magistrate Judge of the District of Massachusetts. Former Chief Magistrate Judge Boal served in that capacity from June 16, 2014 through June 15, 2017.

Judge Hennessy was appointed United States Magistrate Judge by the United States District Court on May 6, 2013. From 2008 to 2013, Judge Hennessy served as the Chief of the Worcester Branch in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. While serving in the Worcester Branch Office since July 1999, the cases he has tried include violations of federal tax, gun, drug and child protection laws.

Prior to serving as Chief of the Worcester Branch, Magistrate Judge Hennessy was an Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General at the Criminal Division in Washington, D.C. He supervised 175 Assistant United States Attorneys working in the Appellate Section, Fraud Section, Capital Case Unit and Gang Unit in Washington. Magistrate Judge Hennessy also has served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York and served on the Enron Task Force. He was responsible for prosecuting in the Southern District of Texas crimes in connection with the collapse of Enron. Magistrate Judge Hennessy served on Attorney General Holder's Capital Case Committee from 2012 until his judicial appointment in 2013. He received the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service for his work on the Enron Task Force.

Chief Judge Patti B. Saris states: "Chief Judge Hennessy is an experienced magistrate judge, with extensive prior criminal litigation experience. I look forward to working with him as the Chief Magistrate Judge."

Judge Hennessy graduated from State University of New York in 1978 and from Fordham University School of Law in 1985.

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