



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02210

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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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United States District Court Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV has advised President Biden that he intends to take senior status effective July 31, 2025. He will continue to serve as a senior United States District Court Judge.

Judge Saylor was appointed to the court on June 2, 2004, and has served as Chief Judge since 2020. He is a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Resources and the Executive Education Advisory Committee of the Federal Judicial Center. Judge Saylor presided over the Central Division in Worcester from 2004 to 2012, when he was reassigned to the Eastern Division in Boston. He was appointed to a term on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court from 2011 to 2018, and served on the Committee on Defender Services of the Judicial Conference of the United States from 2009 to 2015. He was an assistant United States attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts from 1987 to 1990. He later was special counsel and chief of staff to Robert Mueller, the assistant attorney general of the Criminal Division at the United States Department of Justice from 1990 to 1993. Saylor was in private practice at Goodwin Procter in Boston, from 1981 to 1987, and again from 1993 to 2004.

Judge Saylor was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Boston University School of Law, where he taught Trial Advocacy from 2007 to 2021. He has also written and lectured on trial advocacy, including co-authoring a column on trial practice in Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. He received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from New England Law in 2021. He is a graduate of Northwestern University '77 and Harvard Law School '81.

Judge Denise Casper said: "Chief Judge Saylor has served this Court and the people of the District of Massachusetts with distinction during the twenty years of his judicial service to date. He is admired by attorneys and judges alike for his intellect, pragmatism, and respect for the litigants before him. The Chief Judge's service over the past two decades has not only included his stellar work in this district, but his work on Judicial Conference Committee on Defender Services and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. He was elevated to Chief Judge in January 2020, only two months before the pandemic began. Chief Judge Saylor led this Court with a deft and steady hand during the challenges of COVID-19. He worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of our staff and the public within our courthouses. He initiated collaborative efforts among major stakeholders to ensure that the business of the Court never stopped and that litigants, particularly criminal defendants, had continued access to justice. All of the members of this Court join me in thanking him for his unwavering leadership and we look forward to his continued service as a senior judge."

Judge Saylor's family includes his wife Addie Fiske and their three children.

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F. DENNIS SAYLOR IV  
CHIEF JUDGE

October 1, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This is to advise you that effective July 31, 2025, I intend to take senior status—that is, retire from regular active service as a United States District Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 371(b)(1). I have attained the age and met the service requirements of subsection (c) of that section.

It has been my great honor and privilege to serve as a United States District Judge for more than twenty years, and as Chief Judge since January 1, 2020. I hope to provide continued service to the court in the coming years as a senior judge.

Sincerely yours,



F. Dennis Saylor IV  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
District of Massachusetts

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cc: Chief Justice of the United States  
Chief Circuit Judge  
Director, Administrative Office of U.S. Courts  
Director, Federal Judicial Center  
Circuit Executive  
Clerk, U.S. District Court  
Chief, Judicial Services Office  
Chief, Judges Compensation & Retirement Division