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The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts extends its condolences to the family of Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants, who unexpectedly passed away on September 14.

“We are shocked and saddened by the passing of Chief Justice Gants,” Chief Judge F. Dennis Saylor said. He not only provided outstanding leadership to the state courts, but was an energetic and collegial partner with the federal courts in addressing our issues of common concern. It is a terrible loss for our court system, especially coming at such a difficult time for the courts and the Commonwealth.”

Chief Justice Gants, who served on the Supreme Judicial Court for 11 years, was appointed by former Governor Deval Patrick. He has served as chief judge since July 2014.

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