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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **U.S. District Court Judge Timothy S. Hillman Taking Senior Status**

United States District Court Judge Timothy S. Hillman has advised President Biden that on July 1, 2022, he intends to retire from regular active service as a United States District Court Judge and intends to continue to serve as a senior judge.

Judge Hillman was nominated to the Court on November 30, 2011, serving as a United States District Judge in the District of Massachusetts from 2012 to 2022. Judge Hillman previously served as a United States Magistrate Judge from 2006–2012 and enjoyed fifteen years of service on the state court bench. From 1998–2006 he served as a Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court and from 1991–1998 was an Associate Justice and Presiding Justice in the Gardner District Court and Presiding Justice in the Worcester District Court. He was formerly in private practice and also served as an Assistant District Attorney for Worcester County.

A graduate of Coe College and Suffolk University Law School, Judge Hillman has contributed to the education of future attorneys by teaching courses on trial advocacy at Clark University and law and psychiatry at Massachusetts School of Law. He remains an active member of state and local legal communities and has taught various continuing legal education programs on topics including evidence, juries, and expert witnesses.

Throughout his long tenure on the state and federal bench, Judge Hillman has been passionate about reducing recidivism and promoting public safety by improving outcomes for individuals with justice system involvement. In 2006, Judge Hillman partnered with the U.S. Probation Office in Massachusetts to start the **RESTART** program (Reentry: Empowering Successful Todays and Responsible Tomorrows). RESTART is a voluntary reentry program designed to support individuals on probation or supervised release who face an elevated risk of recidivating. Participants are encouraged to set and achieve specific goals, attend relevant treatment and educational programs, and meet for a weekly court support session. The program was launched to provide additional structure and support for those in their first year of supervision, the period when re-offending is most likely.

Chief Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV said: “Throughout Judge Hillman’s impressive judicial career, which includes four different appointments in federal and state court, he has been known as a remarkably wise judge with a very human approach. He runs his courtroom with the clear conviction that law has a direct impact on people’s lives, and that those before him should be true participants in the judicial process. Anyone who has been in his presence is well-familiar with his disarming humor, vibrancy, humility, and common sense. He is unquestionably one of the best-liked and most-respected judges on the court, not only among his colleagues, but among court staff at every level.”

Judge Hillman’s family includes his wife Kay, children Zachary, Molly, and Patrick, and three grandchildren.

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