

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

STANDING ORDER

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF COURT  
AS AGENT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE

The Judges of this Court hereby authorize and appoint the Clerk of Court for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, and all deputies thereof, to accept service of process, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 4(i)(3) and 4(e)(2)(C), on behalf of the District Judges, Magistrate Judges, staff of the District Court, and officers and staff of the United States Probation and Pretrial Services for the District of Massachusetts when any such individual is sued in an individual capacity for an act or omission occurring in connection with duties performed on the United States' behalf, and to accept a copy of the summons and the complaint sent by registered or certified mail pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(i)(2) when any such individual is sued only in an official capacity.

Individual judges and staff members may opt out of this appointment by written letter to the Clerk of Court.

Nothing in this Standing Order affects a litigant's obligation to also serve the United States pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(i)(1) when suing an individual in an official capacity or in an individual capacity for an act or omission occurring in connection with duties performed on the United States' behalf. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(i)(2), (3).

This appointment shall remain in effect until such time as it may be terminated or replaced by a subsequent appointment.

So Ordered.

/s/ F. Dennis Saylor, IV  
F. Dennis Saylor, IV  
Chief United States District Judge

/s/ Leo T. Sorokin  
Leo T. Sorokin  
United States District Judge

/s/ William G. Young  
William G. Young  
United States District Judge

/s/ Allison D. Burroughs  
Allison D. Burroughs  
United States District Judge

/s/ Nathaniel M. Gorton  
Nathaniel M. Gorton  
United States District Judge

/s/ Rya W. Zobel  
Rya W. Zobel  
Senior United States District Judge

/s/ Richard G. Stearns  
Richard G. Stearns  
United States District Judge

/s/ Mark L. Wolf  
Mark L. Wolf  
Senior United States District Judge

/s/ Patti B. Saris  
Patti B. Saris  
United States District Judge

/s/ Douglas P. Woodlock  
Douglas P. Woodlock  
Senior United States District Judge

/s/ Denise J. Casper  
Denise J. Casper  
United States District Judge

/s/ Edward F. Harrington  
Edward F. Harrington  
Senior United States District Judge

/s/ Timothy S. Hillman  
Timothy S. Hillman  
United States District Judge

/s/ Michael A. Ponsor  
Michael A. Ponsor  
Senior United States District Judge

/s/ Indira Talwani  
Indira Talwani  
United States District Judge

/s/ George A. O'Toole  
George A. O'Toole  
Senior United States District Judge

/s/ Mark G. Mastroianni  
Mark G. Mastroianni  
United States District Judge