

## CONFERENCE

# 7th Annual Appellate Practice Conference 2021

### *Opportunities to serve*

The premier yearly event for appellate practitioners, MCLE's *Seventh Annual Appellate Practice Conference 2021* features a concentrated focus on the appellate process. This year, the theme of the *Conference* is "Opportunities to Serve." The *Conference* is structured around ways attorneys can better serve their communities and clients. It features opportunities to bring appellate expertise to pro bono matters; a panel composed of state and federal judges and persons who have led both state and federal judicial selection processes brought together to encourage a diverse group of candidates to consider applying to openings in the state and federal courts; and a panel on how appellate practitioners in particular can address the grave issues identified in the Supreme Judicial Court Steering Committee on Lawyer Well-Being's February 4, 2021 Report Summarizing Affinity Bar Town Hall Meetings. The *Conference* also includes panels featuring judges' perspectives on how appellate practitioners can serve as a true "friend of the court" in their amicus practice and how practitioners can best serve clients in seeking interlocutory review, as well as a panel delivering insights from members of our state and federal appellate courts' clerk's offices on recent developments in the courts' operations, particularly those that have come out of the COVID-19 crisis.

This outstanding *Conference* is essential for both new and experienced appellate litigators to strengthen their skills, hear from the judiciary, and learn from experts. Take advantage of this valuable opportunity to become a more effective appellate lawyer.

### Agenda

- Chief Justice Kimberly Budd Shares Her Perspective on Service
- Opportunities to Serve on the Judiciary: Practical Insights on How to Become a State or Federal Judge
- Ensuring Our Courts Serve Everyone: Concrete Steps Toward Eliminating Identity-Based Discrimination in Our Appellate Courts
- Opportunities to Serve as Pro Bono Counsel: An Array of Organizations Explain How Your Appellate Expertise Can Serve Others
- Serving as a True "Friend of the Court": Best Practices for Amicus Briefs
- Serving During COVID-19 and Beyond: The Clerks' Perspective
- Serving Clients Interlocutorily: Strategic Considerations in Single Justice Practice

### Faculty

Joseph F. Stanton, Esq., *Clerk, Appeals Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, Cochair; Elizabeth N. Dewar, Esq., *State Solicitor, Office of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, Cochair; Hon. Kimberly S. Budd, *Supreme Judicial Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*; Hon. O. Rogerie Thompson, *U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit*; Hon. Elspeth B. Cypher, *Supreme Judicial Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*; Hon. Frank M. Gaziano, *Supreme Judicial Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*; Hon. Kenneth V. Desmond, Jr., *Appeals Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*; Hon. Joseph M. Ditzoff, *Appeals Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*; Hon. Vickie L. Henry, *Appeals Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*; Hon. Gregory I. Massing, *Appeals Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*; Hon. Nancy Gertner, *U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts (Ret.)*, *Harvard Law School, Cambridge*; Hon. Geraldine S. Hines, *Supreme Judicial Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Ret.)*; Hon. Roderick L. Ireland, *Supreme Judicial Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Ret.)*; Maura S. Doyle, Esq., *Clerk, Supreme Judicial Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*; Anastasia A. Dubrovsky, Esq., *Chief Deputy Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit*; Francis V. Kenneally, Esq., *Clerk for the Commonwealth, Supreme Judicial Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*; Gavin F. Alexander, Esq., *Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Standing Committee on Lawyer Well-Being, Newton*; Amy Anthony, Esq., *Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association (VLP), Boston*; Andrew Manuel Crespo, Esq., *Harvard Law School, Cambridge*; Irene Freidel, Esq., *PAIR Project, Boston*; Melissa Gonzalez, *Consultant, Greater Boston Legal Services, Boston*; John G.C. Laing, *Chief Experience & Diversity Officer, Executive Office of the Trial Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*; E. Macey Russell, Esq., *Choate Hall & Stewart LLP, Boston*



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