

How to Become a Judge or Clerk Magistrate

Demystifying the pathway to the judiciary

MCLE, in conjunction with current and former members of the Governor’s Council, presents a seminar on the pathway to becoming a judge or clerk magistrate in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The goal of this seminar is to demystify the process of becoming a judge or clerk magistrate. The application, nomination, and confirmation processes all require substantial time, effort, and attention to detail. There is also a code of conduct that must be followed throughout one’s candidacy. The faculty consists of an array of individuals who have keen insight into and expertise in navigating the pathway to successfully becoming a judge or clerk magistrate in the Commonwealth. The information you glean from this seminar is invaluable.

The application is one of the most important aspects of the interview process. A one-and-one-half-hour segment of this program is dedicated to drafting a proper and favorable application. This seminar provides an opportunity for those interested—or potentially interested—in applying, to ask questions of those who review applicants for confirmation at all levels.

Hear the expert faculty discuss in detail the application procedures for nomination by the governor. Advice is offered; personal experiences with completing the application are shared; the interview before the Judicial Nominating Commission is addressed; and the confirmation hearing of the Governor’s Council is discussed. Members of the Governor’s Council are available to explain the public hearing process and the dynamics of the inquiry regarding the legal experience of the nominee in a political atmosphere.

Every attorney who has given even a passing thought to becoming a member of the judiciary is invited to participate in this unique forum.

Agenda

- How to Put Your Best Foot Forward in the Application Process
- Insight into the Interview Process from Start to Finish
- Is There a “Path” to the Judiciary?
- “Ask the Experts” Q&A Session

Faculty

Hon. Jennie L. Caissie, Esq., *Clerk Magistrate, Dudley District Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, Chair

Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, *Probate and Family Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

Hon. Whitney J. Brown, *Westborough District Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

Hon. Sheila C. Harrington, Esq., *Clerk Magistrate, Gardner District Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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Monday, March 25, 2024
9:30 am–12:30 pm
Program # 2240200WBC

REBROADCAST

Tuesday, April 9, 2024
2:00 pm–5:00 pm
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REBROADCAST

Wednesday, April 17, 2024
9:30 am–12:30 pm
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