

## **Recruitment of New Hearing Committee Members for the Board of Bar Overseers**

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**The Board of Bar Overseers** encourages interested attorneys and members of the public across the Commonwealth to apply for appointment to a three-year term as a Hearing Committee member. The Hearing Committees are organized by geographical districts and the members sit locally in panels of three as a fact-finding tribunal in disciplinary proceedings brought by the Office of Bar Counsel against individual attorneys. The Committees hear testimony, take evidence, make adjudicatory rulings, and prepare a written report and recommendation for the Board of Bar Overseers.

Committee members receive no monetary compensation and devote their time as a public service in the vital interest of preserving the integrity of the legal profession. The Board is seeking to fill vacancies of about five attorneys in each of three districts: District 1 (Suffolk County), District 2 (Middlesex & Essex Counties) and District 5 (Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes & Nantucket Counties). The Board is seeking about five new public members in each of the six districts: District 1 (Suffolk County), District 2 (Middlesex & Essex Counties), District 3 (Norfolk & Plymouth Counties), District 4 (Worcester County), District 5 (Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes & Nantucket Counties) and District 6 (Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden & Hampshire Counties).

The Board seeks to maintain a broad-based representation of attorneys and members of the public within the Committee ranks, and encourages applications from women, minorities, small-firm practitioners and individuals in public service. Resumes of interested attorneys (ten or more years of professional experience) and members of the public (excluding paralegals and those employed in a legal-related field) should be sent to **Bernice Addonizio**, by mail (Board of Bar Overseers, 99 High Street, Boston, MA 02110), fax (617-482-8000), or e-mail, [b.addonizio@massbbo.org](mailto:b.addonizio@massbbo.org).