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**Honorable Barbara J. Rouse Reappointed Chief Justice
of the Superior Court by
Chief Justice for Administration & Management Robert A. Mulligan**

Chief Justice for Administration & Management Robert A. Mulligan has announced the reappointment of Chief Justice Barbara J. Rouse to the Superior Court for a five-year term, in accordance with G.L. c.211B, §5. Chief Justice Rouse first was named Chief Justice in 2004 and has served on the Superior Court since 1985.

Chief Justice Mulligan said, "I am pleased to announce the reappointment of Chief Justice Barbara Rouse. Under her dedicated and energetic leadership, the Superior Court has achieved impressive results in reforming criminal and civil case management. She has engaged judges, clerks, district attorneys and the bar in introducing a wide range of operational improvements and performance-based measurements.

"Chief Justice Rouse's dynamic vision for the commemoration of the Superior Court's 150th Anniversary has created a renewed spirit of commitment and cooperation within the court and in communities across the state. This occasion was used to build and enhance the reputation of the Judiciary and the Superior Court at a critical time in expanding public understanding and support for the court system."

Chief Justice Mulligan said that Chief Justice Rouse received strong support from judges, attorneys and others in the legal community. She has received numerous honors, including the Haskell Cohn Award for Distinguished Judicial Service from the Boston Bar Association.

Chief Justice Rouse said, "Any success the Superior Court has enjoyed over the last five years has been due to the terrific efforts of the judges, clerks, probation and all court personnel. I greatly value their daily commitment and dedication to ensuring the delivery of justice across the state, particularly in these challenging fiscal times. I appreciate the opportunity to further the collaboration within the court and with our many community stakeholders."

The Superior Court Department is comprised of 14 Divisions with 82 authorized judicial positions across the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Trial Court includes seven court departments with 379 judges who deliver justice in 103 courthouses across the state.

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