

THE BRISTOL BULLETIN



BRISTOL COUNTY PROBATE & FAMILY COURT

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BRISTOL COUNTY P&F COURT'S "SUPER" SENIOR PARTNER!

Attorney Robert ("Bob") Marchand gives back to the Bristol County P&F Court in a BIG way!

Once a month Bob makes his way to the Taunton Registry...usually with bagels in tow for the staff. His business with the court on these days is NOT about working for his own practice, but rather volunteering as part of the SENIOR PARTNERS FOR JUSTICE organization. His role with our Court as a "Senior Partner" is to review our Guardianship Care Plan Reports to make sure that Incapacitated Persons are being appropriately cared for by their respective appointed guardians.

In 2002, Hon. Edward M. Ginsburg, a retired Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court, established an innovative new pro bono project: Senior Partners for Justice. The idea for this project grew out of Judge Ginsburg's observations, during his many years on the bench, of the struggles of pro se litigants as they tried to represent themselves in divorce, paternity, child support, custody and other family law matters. For many, access to justice was a meaningless concept without access to legal counsel. Senior Partners for Justice asks lawyers from all legal backgrounds to use their talents to serve those who



Atty. Marchand has practiced law for the past 42 years. He is a graduate of Suffolk Law School and has been a sole practitioner for the past 15 years. Prior to that, he worked with the late Honorable Judge Malcolm Jones. Atty. Marchand is a past President of the Fall River Bar Association and a MA Bar Foundation Board of Trustees

would otherwise go unrepresented in court.

For attorneys, new and seasoned alike, Senior Partners for Justice is a unique opportunity to help low-income families and "give back" to the community, and in the process, find camaraderie and great personal reward. [Click here to register online for Senior Partners.](#)

Currently, Bob is the ONLY Senior Partner helping the Bristol County Probate & Family Court. He (and our Court) could really use YOUR help!

member. He is married with 2 children and 3 grandchildren.



HOW TO GET ON OUR "LAWYER REFERRAL LIST"

Lawyer Referral

The **Lawyer Referral List** is a list of attorneys from Bristol County (and abroad) who volunteer (at least once per year) for our Lawyer of the Day Program. If interested, these attorney volunteers are invited to sign-up to be included on this List. The List is distributed to litigants who come to the Registry or call seeking legal representation. The List is also published on our website.

If you would like to be included on our Lawyer Referral List, please be sure to sign up for our Lawyer of the Day Program today! [Sign up here.](#) You can also be included on the List by volunteering to be a Senior Partner (see above).

To check out our Lawyer Referral List and see those who have been willing to volunteer their time to a meaningful Lawyer of the Day Program, [click here.](#)

REGISTRY SPOTLIGHT

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR REGISTRY STAFF

In each Bristol Bulletin edition, you will be introduced to one of the hard-working Registry employees who answer the phone, work the front counters or have processed your filings. This Fall, our Registry Spotlight is on TIFFANY PESTANA!



EMPLOYEE: Tiffany Pestana

JOB TITLE: Case Specialist

ABOUT TIFFANY: Tiffany has worked in the Registry for the past 4 years. Prior to working in our Court, she worked in New Bedford for Attorney Margaret Xifaras for 12 years. Tiffany and her husband have a 3 year old daughter.

Tiffany has worked in almost every department within the Registry. You may have seen her in the courtroom as one of the Registry's Real Time Docketers. Currently she is working at the Front Counter in New Bedford and is sometimes in Taunton and Fall River covering for the Real Time Docketing Team or at the front counter.

Tiffany's favorite part about working for the Probate & Family Court: "Feeling like I have done all I could do to try to help all pro se litigants and/or attorneys to handle their case and seeing them leave us better than we found them."



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