

THE BRISTOL BULLETIN



**BRISTOL COUNTY
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Probate & Family Court's new Chief is a Bristol County native

A new Chief Justice of the Probate & Family Court is appointed

Chief Justice of the Trial Court Paula M. Carey announced the appointment of Judge John D. Casey as Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court for a five-year term commencing July 16, 2018. Judge Casey has served on the Probate and Family Court since 2006. "I am confident that Judge John Casey has the skills and leadership qualities to help reimagine the structure of the Probate and Family Court," said Chief Justice Paula M. Carey. "It is a time of growth and change in the Court, and Judge Casey will work to meet the needs of the people we serve in a way that supports the work of judges and utilizes staff to their greatest potential." Judge Casey is currently the First Justice of the Norfolk County Probate and Family Court. Judge Casey succeeds Chief Justice Angela Ordoñez who has served in that position since 2013.



Newly appointed Chief Justice of the Probate & Family Court, the Honorable John D. Casey

BRISTOL P&F COURT'S Summer Calendar

Please note the updated look of our Court Calendars with information about satellite court and/or Registry closings. Due to ongoing security staffing issues as well as the reduced staffing of our Court during the summer months, the Bristol County Probate & Family Court has developed the following Court Calendars for June & July. The Registry is still awaiting release of the August calendar from the Judges. Once released, it will be placed on our website.

You should visit our [*website*](#) to get the most recent versions of Court Calendars as they are subject to change without notice. Click on the following links to view our summer calendars.

[*JUNE COURT CALENDAR*](#)

[*JULY COURT CALENDAR*](#)

ALERT:

NEW CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE JUNE 15th

The Probate and Family Court is pleased to announce that the new Child Support Guidelines will be effective June 15, 2018. The new guidelines have been posted on mass.gov and will be available on our Bristol County website as well! Details about the new guidelines can be found in the following links:

[Press Release](#)

[Child Support Guidelines](#)

REGISTRY SPOTLIGHT

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR REGISTRY STAFF

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

EMPLOYEE: Jessica Carvara

JOB TITLE: Case Specialist

ABOUT JESSICA: Jessica has been working in the Registry for almost 9 years and has had numerous roles within the Registry during her employment. Jessica is a versatile employee who processes work within the department and has been a customer service specialist at all 3 locations working the phones and front counter of the Registry.

Jessica is married and has a daughter who recently graduated with honors from Mass College of Art & Design. When asked about her favorite part of working for the Probate & Family Court, Jessica replied: "Knowing I can help make a difference in someone's life be it through helping them with an adoption or a simple change of name. Seeing the joy in these people's faces makes any of the negative aspects of what we do worth while. I also enjoy learning something new every day, whether it's a new law, form or procedure."



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