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Probate & Family Court looks to the future led by the "2025 Transition Leadership Team"

2025 Transition Leadership Team makes recommendations for the future of the Probate & Family Court

In early 2017 a group of P&FC leaders comprised of several First Justices and Registers was convened. This "2025 Transition Leadership Team's" (TLT) mission was to guide and support the P&FC's transition to the future in a manner that furthers quality of justice, efficiency, cost effectiveness and serves the needs of the public.

This summer, the 2025 TLT submitted their recommendations to the Chief Justice of the Trial Court and Court Administrator. A copy of the Plan Summary will be released to the public by Probate Court Chief Justice John Casey in the near future.

While many of the changes are in the early stages and some work still needs to be done to implement all facets of this plan, attorneys and litigants will start to see some noticeable changes in how the court is structured and how it does business. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting plan.



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2025 Transition Leadership Team Plan Summary



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Free Bench Bar Probate Court Seminar for
Members of the
Bristol County Bar Association

**OCTOBER 15, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.
UMASS LAW DARTMOUTH**

**First Justice
KATHERINE A. FIELD
&
Register
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Administrative Issues

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PARTICULAR QUESTIONS YOU HAVE
AHEAD OF TIME***

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2 hours CLE credits

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:

STEPHANIE TAVARES

EMPLOYEE: Stephanie Tavares

JOB TITLE(S): MUPC Magistrate, Deputy Assistant Register, Head Administrative Assistant



ABOUT STEPHANIE aka "Steph": Steph has been working in the Registry

for six years. Prior to working for the Registry, she was a Legal Assistant in the private sector for sixteen years. Steph is most recognized by attorneys as one of our MUPC Magistrates. She regularly assists lawyers and litigants in the completion, review and processing of informal and formal probate cases. In addition to her work as an MUPC Magistrate, she has worked in the New Bedford and Taunton Registries providing customer service at the front counter. Steph is the primary supervisor of the Registry processing department and is responsible for work flow management and employee training. She is an incredibly hard working member of our team and sets a great example for her peers.

Steph has two daughters, 18 and 7 and currently lives in Wareham. When asked about her favorite part of working for the Probate & Family Court, Steph replied: "The day to day interaction with attorneys, litigants and co-workers provide opportunities to always learn new things and connect with interesting people."



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