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**Chief Justice Judith Fabricant and Court Administrator Spence Appoint  
Deputy Court Administrator for Superior Court**

**BOSTON, MA --** Superior Court Chief Justice Judith Fabricant and Trial Court Administrator Harry Spence today announced the appointment of Elaina Martina Quinn as Deputy Court Administrator for the Superior Court department of the Massachusetts Trial Court, effective March 23, 2015.

“I am very pleased that Elaina Quinn will assist me in leading the Superior Court for the next five years,” said Chief Justice Fabricant. “Along with her proven legal and administrative skills, Ms. Quinn brings broad familiarity with the Superior Court and its judges, clerks, and staff; deep respect for its traditions; and strong dedication to its mission to deliver high quality justice in a timely and fair manner in accordance with the rule of law. In the courtroom, she has earned widespread respect among judges, attorneys, litigants, and all participants for her intelligence, knowledge, compassion, and dedication.”

“The Deputy Court Administrator is a crucial role, as we bring the courts into the 21st century,” said Court Administrator Spence. “We are very pleased to have such a high-caliber candidate assume this key position.”

Ms. Quinn has served for the past 14 years as an assistant clerk in the office of Suffolk County Clerk of Courts for Civil Business Michael Joseph Donovan. In that capacity she has served on the Superior Court MassCourts Implementation Committee and the MassCourts Governance Committee, contributing her substantial knowledge of Superior Court civil operations, as well as her commitment to improvement of court processes. In 2013, she received the Excellence in Court Administration Award from the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys.

Prior to her service in the Clerk’s office, Ms. Quinn served as an assistant district attorney in Middlesex and Norfolk Counties, prosecuting cases in both the District Court and the Superior Court, and mentoring District Court prosecutors. Ms. Quinn earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and her law degree from Suffolk University Law School. She resides in Dorchester.

The Superior Court Department serves 14 Counties and has 82 authorized judicial positions across the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Trial Court includes seven court departments with 380 judges who deliver justice to thousands of people daily in 101 courthouses across the state.

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