

# United States Bankruptcy Court District of Massachusetts

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**Boston, MA:** James M. Lynch, Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts has announced his retirement, effective April 30, 2017. Mr. Lynch has served as Clerk of Court since 1995. Prior to his appointment, he was the United States Trustee for Region 1 and, prior to that, the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Rhode Island.

During his tenure as Clerk of the Massachusetts Bankruptcy Court, Mr. Lynch guided the Court through a number of groundbreaking transformations, including the transition from paper to electronic filing of Court documents, the implementation of fully electronic courtrooms, equipped with video conferencing, evidence presentation and audio recording capabilities, and the conversion from the local mailing of orders and notices to the use of a national noticing center.

In recent years, Mr. Lynch has skillfully navigated the Court's operations, with notable sensitivity to the well-being of its staff and the needs of the public, in the face of extended budgetary uncertainty and repeated funding reductions implemented nationally.

Chief Judge Melvin S. Hoffman noted:

"I feel confident I speak for all the judges of this Court with whom Jim Lynch has served faithfully over the past 21 years, in expressing our gratitude and admiration to a person whose integrity, professionalism and dedication to public service has made him a role model to all members of the Court family."

The judges of the Bankruptcy Court have undertaken a national search for Mr. Lynch's successor. Further information, including guidelines for interested applicants, is available on the Court's website at [www.mab.uscourts.gov](http://www.mab.uscourts.gov). The application deadline is January 9, 2017.