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PRESS RELEASE

BOSTON (January 8, 2019)—Chief Judge Christopher J. Panos announced today that effective March 1, 2019, the Court will no longer have a formal pro se assistance program through the office of the Clerk of Court. After evaluating the program on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, the Court concludes the program is no longer viable based upon a number of factors such as the decline in caseload and resources, and recognizes that very few bankruptcy courts in other Districts have implemented or maintained this type of program. The Court remains dedicated to assisting pro se parties wherever possible and will work with our staff, Pro Bono Legal Services Advisory Committee, and bar to provide that assistance after considering programs that have been successful in other jurisdictions.

We extend our deepest gratitude to pro se clerk William (Bill) McLeod and his predecessor Leslie Storm for their dedication and service to the program and the Court over the last ten years.

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