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MBA commends Governor's Council confirmation of Roderick Ireland as the next Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association applauds the Governor's Council for deciding to confirm Supreme Judicial Court Associate Justice Roderick Ireland to serve as the next Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice. Ireland was nominated by Gov. Deval Patrick in November.

“Justice Ireland is a remarkably talented jurist with demonstrated leadership abilities. His appointment and work ahead will help restore confidence in the judicial branch as it faces the challenges related to court funding and probation,” MBA President Denise Squillante said.

According to Squillante, the MBA has long enjoyed Justice Ireland's partnership in its community programs aimed to educate youth and inspire the next generation of legal professionals.

Ireland has served as presiding judge of the MBA's annual Mock Trial Championship and longtime advocate of the SJC's Worcester and Boston Judicial Youth Corps program. He was honored for judicial excellence in 2001 by the MBA and *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* and with the MBA's Public Service Award in 2005. In addition, he received the Great Friend of Justice Award in 2008 from the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the philanthropic partner of the MBA.

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