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MBA applauds governor’s nomination of Fernande R.V. Duffly as associate justice to the Supreme Judicial Court

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association is pleased that Gov. Deval Patrick has nominated Massachusetts Appeals Court Associate Justice Fernande R.V. Duffly to the Supreme Judicial Court. Duffly will fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Roderick Ireland to SJC chief justice.

“Duffly’s extraordinary intellect and demonstrated judicial experience make her an outstanding addition to the state’s highest court,” MBA President Denise Squillante said. “She is well respected throughout the legal and judicial communities.”

An associate justice with the Appeals Court for more than a decade, Duffly also served as an associate justice with the Massachusetts Probate & Family Court for eight years. Born in Indonesia to a Chinese mother and Dutch father, Duffly has committed to help increase the number of minority lawyers, law firm partners and judges. She has also worked hard to ensure minorities have adequate access to justice in the court system.

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