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TO: Committee Members, CPCS Staff, Certified Private Counsel and Providers of Services

FROM: William J. Leahy

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RE: SELECTION OF NEW CHIEF COUNSEL

This is to inform you that the Committee for Public Counsel Services has selected Anthony Benedetti to be its next Chief Counsel. Anthony's tenure will begin on Monday, August 2, 2010.

Most of you know that Anthony currently serves as CPCS General Counsel, a position he has held since 1998. Prior to that he spent five years as a public defender trial lawyer in the CPCS Brockton office where he represented hundreds of clients and tried 40 cases in the District and Superior Courts.

Anthony grew up in West Roxbury and graduated from Boston College (1987) and Suffolk University Law School (*cum laude*, 1993). While in law school, Anthony worked as an audit specialist in the CPCS Audit and Oversight Unit; and between college and law school he worked as a Fiscal and Policy Analyst for the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Anthony is an active long-time member of the Massachusetts and the Boston Bar Associations. He currently serves on the MBA House of Delegates and on its Executive Management Board, and he is a member of the BBA Criminal Law Section

Steering Committee. On the national level, Anthony is the Massachusetts representative on the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) State Legislative Network, and he has twice been elected to the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) Board of Directors (through 2011). Anthony is also a member of the Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Massachusetts Citizens Against the Death Penalty. Finally, Anthony has served as an adjunct professor at Suffolk University in the Criminal Justice Masters Program since 2002.

Please join me in welcoming Anthony as the third Chief Counsel of the Committee for Public Counsel Services.