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Dear Private Bar Attorneys,

I am pleased to share several important updates regarding the CPCS Committee.

First, **Joe Kociubes has completed his term and will be departing both as Chair and as a member of the Committee**, concluding more than 20 years of distinguished service to CPCS. We extend our deepest gratitude to Joe for his steadfast leadership and unwavering commitment. Since joining the Committee in 2004, he has brought exceptional experience from his work with the Boston Bar Association, the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (MLAC), the ACLU of Massachusetts, Greater Boston Legal Services, and his decades as a respected trial lawyer.

A strong supporter of both CPCS staff and the private bar, Joe has consistently championed the critical roles each plays in ensuring high-quality representation for our clients. Since assuming the role of Chair in 2020, his steady guidance has strengthened CPCS in countless ways and helped shepherd the agency through several major challenges. His presence and leadership will be greatly missed.

I am also pleased to announce that **Jennifer McKinnon has been elected to serve as the new Chair of the CPCS Committee**. Jennifer has served on the Committee since October 2023. She previously worked as a CPCS staff attorney and as the Attorney-in-Charge of both the Framingham and Quincy Public Defender Division offices. She later joined Harvard Law School's Criminal Justice Institute as a Clinical Instructor before founding her own boutique law firm, Wiesner McKinnon LLP, where she litigates criminal and civil matters, including police misconduct and prisoners' rights cases. Jennifer continues to represent indigent clients in both state and federal courts. We look forward to her leadership in this new role.

Finally, **we welcome Lon Povich as the newest member of the CPCS Committee**, filling the seat previously held by Joe. Lon is Of Counsel at Anderson & Krieger in Boston, where his practice focuses on Massachusetts state and local government matters. He brings extensive public-sector experience, having served as Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Charlie Baker, where he oversaw a broad array of legal issues, including more than 130 judicial appointments. His career also includes roles at BJ's Wholesale Club, the Boston Consulting Group, and Goodwin Procter, as well as service as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Economic Crimes Division.

Lon is also deeply engaged in the community. He serves on the board of UTEC, an organization that works closely with CPCS to support criminally involved youth in Lowell and surrounding communities. His pro bono service includes work with the SJC Court Management Advisory Board, MassHousing, and previous service on the boards of the Greater Boston Food Bank and Greater Boston Legal Services. He is currently an adjunct professor at Northeastern University in the doctoral program in Law and Policy.

Please join me in thanking Joe Kociubes for his extraordinary commitment to CPCS and the right to counsel, congratulating Jennifer McKinnon on her election as Chair, and welcoming Lon Povich as our newest Committee member.

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