#### JUDICIAL NOMINATION DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Please state all business interests and investment holdings in your possession at the time of your nomination, but not personal net worth.

Northwestern Mutual - Variable Annuity

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Board of Retirement-Pension

2. Please list any and all law firms you have been associated with during the five years preceding your nomination as well as the names of any members of the bar practicing within the Commonwealth with whom you have been actively associated in the practice of law during the five years immediately preceding your nomination.

Not Applicable

3. Please state any and all political contributions made by you, your spouse, or any of your children living at home, to any and all candidates for municipal, state or national office or to any political committees under Chapter 55 of the General Laws during the preceding three years.

5/29/13 10/24/13 Daniel Conley John Connolly

\$250.00 (Spouse) \$500.00 (Spouse)

# I. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

- Full name (include any former names used).
   Lynn Coffin Brendemuehl (Maiden name Lynn Coffin)
- Addresses: Residential address is discretionary.
   Wild Meadow Lane, Natick, MA 01760
   Milestone Road, Nantucket, MA 02564
- Date and place of birth.
   April 24, 1962, Boston, MA
- Citizenship.
   United States
- 5. Education: List each college and law school you attended, including dates of attendance, degree received, and the date granted.

Boston College, BA, summa cum laude, May 1984

Suffolk University Law School, JD, cum laude, June 1988

6. Employment record: List all jobs held since college including the title or description of job, name of employer, location of work, and dates of inclusive employment (include any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions).

Accounts Clerk, Middlesex Probate and Family Court, Cambridge, MA, 1984 to 1986

Law Clerk, Vaughan and Dale, Nantucket, MA, summer of 1986

Paralegal, Iannella and Mummolo, Boston, MA, 1986 to 1988

Associate, Iannella and Mummolo, Boston, MA 1988 to 1997

Attorney Advisor, Social Security Administration, Boston, MA, 1997 to 1999

Staff Attorney, Massachusetts Highway Department, Boston, MA, 2000

Administrative Judge, Department of Industrial Accidents, Fall River, MA 2000 to date

7. Military service: Have you had any military service? If so, give particulars, including dates, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number and present status.

Not applicable

8. Honors and awards: List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.

Summa cum laude graduate, Boston College, 1984

Dean's List all semesters, Boston College, 1980-1984

Phi Beta Kappa, Boston College, 1984

Cum laude, Suffolk University Law School, 1988

Dean's List all semesters, Suffolk University Law School, 1986 to 1988

Award for Best Moot Court Brief, Suffolk University Law School, 1986

American Jurisprudence Award for Excellence in Contract Law, 1986

American Jurisprudence Award for Excellence in Insurance Law, 1987

Judge Harry Kalus Award for Excellence in Massachusetts Practice Law, 1988

Judicial Excellence Award, Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, March 2014

### 9. Professional association:

- (a) List all professional societies of which you are or have been a member and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.
- (b) List also chairmanships of any committees in professional societies, and memberships on any committees which you believe to be of particular significance.
- (c) Describe also your participation, if any, on judicial committees or judicial conferences.

I have been a member of the judicial panel at the annual Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Workers' Compensation Law Conference for the past thirteen years. I was a presenter and speaker on February 15, 2002, November 17, 2006, November 21, 2008, and in November 2012. I was a speaker at two basic training classes for non-practitioners, the latest being March of 2013.

In 2012, I participated in a training module webcast for MCLE to assist attorneys learning the workers' compensation process.

I was a guest lecturer on September 23, 2013 at the University of Massachusetts Law School.

For three years, I have been a member of the Boston Inn of Courts.

I have been active in the current issues that face our state and court system involving the legal and medical management of chronic pain and addiction. I was a speaker in 2012 on this topic at a seminar sponsored by the Department of Industrial Accidents.

For several years as an Administrative Judge, I was a member of the Impartial Committee, a committee comprised of other judges, physicians, and attorneys in the Massachusetts Bar Association Workers' Compensation Group.

I have also been a volunteer member of the Judges Training Committee for the past thirteen years.

10. Other memberships: List all organizations other than professional associations or professional societies of which you are or have been a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social, and fraternal organizations.

Not applicable

11. Court admission: List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, with dates of admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies which require special admission to practice.

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, 1988; United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, 1989; United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, 1989.

12. Published writings: List the titles, publishers, and date of books, articles, reports, or other published material you have written, if any.

Not applicable

13. Health: What is the present state of your health?

I am currently in good health.

- 14. Legal Career:
  - (a) Describe chronologically your law practice and experience after your graduation from law school and until the present including:
    - (1) Whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court, and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

Not applicable

- (2) Whether you practiced alone, and if so, the address and dates;I have never been a sole practitioner.
- (3) The dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been connected, and the nature of your connection

Associate, Iannella and Mummolo, 55 Court Street, Suite 510, Boston, MA 02108 (1988 to 1997)

Attorney Advisor, Social Security Administration, Office of Hearings and Appeals, 1 Bowdoin Street, Boston, MA 02114 (1997 to 1999)

Staff Attorney, Massachusetts Highway Department, Office of the General Counsel, Boston, MA (2000)

Administrative Judge, Department of Industrial Accidents, I Father Devalles Boulevard, Fall River, MA 02723 (2000 and to date and continuing)

(4) Any other relevant particulars.

Not applicable

(b)

- (1) What has been the general character of your law practice, dividing it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years?
- (2) Describe your typical former clients, and mention the areas, if any, in which you have specialized.

As an associate at Iannella and Mummolo, I handled all phases of a high volume plaintiff personal injury litigation practice. I coordinated and managed pre-suit investigation, pleadings, discovery, trial preparation and trial, both bench and jury, in District and Superior Courts. My expertise also included workers' compensation and social security law.

As an attorney advisor to the Social Security Administration, I rendered legal advice and assistance to the judges in the pre hearing development and preparation of cases for hearing, post hearing development, and other post hearing actions. I analyzed, researched and developed cases, formulated comprehensive decisions and acted on requests for hearings under the relevant provisions of the Social Security Act.

As a staff attorney at the Massachusetts Highway Department, I represented the Department in litigation surrounding the planning, construction, and maintenance of the State's highway system, as well as disputes arising from public contracts.

(c)

(1) Did you appear in court regularly, occasionally, or not all? If the frequency of your appearance in court varied, describe each such variance, giving dates.

As an associate at Iannella and Mummolo, I appeared in court regularly. I averaged approximately three to five times per week, primarily in District Court.

I did not appear in court at the Social Security Administration or the Massachusetts Highway Department.

As a sitting Administrative Judge, I have been in a DIA courtroom almost every day for the past fourteen years.

- (2) What percentage of these appearances was in:
  - (a) Federal Courts: less than 1%
  - (b) State Courts of Record: 75%
- (c) Other Courts: 25% (Department of Industrial Accidents, Social Security Administration
- (3) Approximately what percentage of your litigation was:
  - (a) Civil: 100%
  - (b) Criminal: 0%
  - (c) Probate: 0%
  - (d) Other: 0 %
- 15. Judicial office (if applicable):
  - (a) State the judicial office you now hold, and the judicial offices you have previously held, giving dates and the details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, and periods of service.

In 2000, I was appointed as an Administrative Judge at the Department of Industrial Accidents. I was reappointed in 2006 and 2012. My duties include the administration of M.G.L. c. 152, including presiding over contested work related personal injury cases at both conference and hearing level, managing approximately 800 cases per year, responsible for maintaining the possession and integrity of the records of all cases under jurisdiction, preserving an accurate record, drafting detailed decisions, and entering case dispositions.

(b) Describe two of the most significant decisions you have written or attach copies of them to your answers, and give the citations if the

opinions were reported, as well as citations to any appellate review of such opinions.

The first such case is Wayne Moss v. M and M Movers/Norguard Insurance Company, DIA Number 11357-99. (2006) The employee's widow was claiming benefits as well as claiming that she was entitled to benefits under Section 28 of the workers' compensation statute. In the decision widows benefits were awarded, however, the Section 28 claim was denied. The decision was appealed to and affirmed by the Reviewing Board on March 26, 2007. The employee appealed to the Appeals Court and the Supreme Judicial Court, on its own initiative, took the case. On June 30, 2008 the SJC affirmed the decision of the Reviewing Board and upheld the denial of Section 28 double compensation benefits. Wayne R. Moss's case SJC-10056.

The second case is Gail Wicklow v. Fresenius Medical Care Holdings Inc. / American Casualty of Reading PA, DIA Number 035561-09. (2014). The employee alleged that she sustained a severe emotional injury that arose out of a series of events in her employment. The employee's claim for benefits was allowed. The decision was affirmed by the Reviewing Board on April 9, 2014.

Copies of both decisions are available for review.

#### 16. Other public office:

(a) Have you ever held public office or been a candidate for public office? If so, give the details, including the offices involved, whether elected or appointed and the length of your service, giving dates.

I was a Town Meeting member for the Town of Natick for two years in the early 2000's.

### 17. Business or other occupation:

(a) Have you ever been engaged in any business or profession other than the practice of law or holding of judicial or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

See answer to Question 6.

(c) Are you now an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise? If so, give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other

description of your position, and the nature of your duties and the term of your service.

Not applicable

### II. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Dissolution of law firm (if applicable).

Please describe the arrangements you have made to dissolve your financial interest in your law firm. What time period is involved? What arrangements have you made to be compensated for your work on pending litigation?

Not applicable

2. Are all your taxes, federal, state, and municipal, current as of the date of this statement?

Yes

- 3. While generally guided by statute, judges do have considerable discretion in the area of criminal justice sentencing. Depending upon their philosophies, judges may exercise this discretion to promote criminal rehabilitations, the protection of society, and deterrence of other criminals.
  - (a) Could you characterize your own views on how this discretion ought to be exercised?

While judges are always bound to follow the applicable laws, judges should have considerable discretion in criminal justice sentencing. Judges presiding over the case are in the best possible position to evaluate what sentence will best promote public safety, rehabilitation and deterrence, based on the nature of the offense, the prior record of the defendant, and other mitigating or aggravating factors that can only be assessed on a case by case basis.

(b) Do you favor further limits on such discretion through legislation?

No

4. Do you feel that the present compensation levels for judges in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are adequate?

Yes

5. Do you plan to hold any positions in order to supplement your judicial salary? If so please give details.

No

6. Please advise the Council of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be considered in connection with your nomination.

None

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Lynn Coffin Brendemuehl Line Coffin Brendemuehl, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

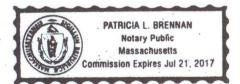
Dated: 8/7/14

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SS. Bustol

Then personally appeared the above named and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be a free act and deed before me.



Notary Public

My commission expires:

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby waive my rights to confidentiality regarding my tax records, court records, and matters at the Board of Bar Overseers and release said information/documents to the councillors and/or their investigators.

I release all of the foregoing from any and all claims and liability for damages of whatever kind arising out of any attempt to comply with this authorization.

Name: Lynn Coffin Brendemuek

Address: 3 Wild Meadow Laire
(Discretionary) Natick
Date of Birth: 4/24/62 Mass

Spouse's signature:

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# Witness List

- 1. Administrative Judge David Sullivan
- 2. Attorney Deborah Kohl
- 3. Attorney Jennifer Staples
- 4. David Dorant