

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC  
DEFENDER FOR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT  
OF PUERTO RICO**

The current term of office of Joseph C. Laws, Jr., Federal Public Defender for the District of Puerto Rico, is due to expire on April 17, 2005. The United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit is considering the reappointment of Joseph C. Laws, Jr. to a new four-year term of office subject to public notice and opportunity for public comment. Upon reappointment, the incumbent would continue to perform the duties of his office as specified in The Criminal Justice Act of 1964, as amended, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A.

Members of the bar and the public are invited to submit comments for consideration by the Court of Appeals regarding the reappointment of Federal Public Defender Laws to a new term of office. All comments will be kept confidential and should be directed to Susan J. Krueger, Deputy Circuit Executive, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, Office of the Circuit Executive, John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Suite 3700, Boston, Massachusetts 02210. Comments must be received by June 30, 2004.