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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **THE HONORABLE DAVID J. BARRON NEXT CHIEF JUDGE OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS**

BOSTON (April 1, 2022) -- On Friday, April 1, 2022, the Honorable David J. Barron became the eleventh chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, a position created by Congress in 1948. The chief judge of the circuit assumes the position based on seniority, as authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 45. Chief Judge Barron succeeds Judge Jeffrey R. Howard, who has served with distinction as chief judge for his seven-year term. On March 31, 2022, Judge Howard retired from regular, active service as a United States Circuit Judge, but continues to render substantial service to the judiciary as a senior judge. Upon assuming office, Chief Judge Barron stated, "It is a great honor to become the chief judge of a circuit with such a long and venerable history. I am grateful for the leadership and example of the two chief judges of the Circuit who have preceded me during my time on the Court, each of whom has been a national leader for the judiciary and is an exceptional judge. We are a small circuit, but we are blessed with a tremendous staff whose talent and dedication are recognized throughout the country. I look forward to working with them and my colleagues on the bench in taking on this new responsibility."

The chief judge is the executive officer of the First Circuit Court of Appeals and the Chair of the Judicial Council of the First Circuit, which oversees the administration of the Court of Appeals, as well as the federal trial and bankruptcy courts in the Districts of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island. Chief Judge Barron is also responsible for representing the First Circuit in biannual meetings of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the judiciary's national policy-making body.

Chief Judge Barron has served on the First Circuit Court of Appeals for nearly eight years. He was nominated by President Obama on January 6, 2014 and received commission on May 23, 2014. Chief Judge Barron graduated from Harvard College in 1989 and thereafter, worked as a newspaper reporter until 1991, when he began attending Harvard Law School. After graduating from law school in 1994, Chief Judge Barron clerked for Judge Stephen R. Reinhardt of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1994 to 1995, and for Justice John Paul Stevens of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1995 to 1996. Following these clerkships, Chief Judge Barron worked as an attorney advisor for the Office of Legal Counsel of the United States Department of Justice until 1999, when he became an assistant professor at Harvard Law School. In 2004, Chief Judge Barron became a full professor at Harvard Law School, where he worked until he rejoined the Justice Department as Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel from 2009 to 2010. Chief Judge Barron returned to the Harvard Law School faculty in 2010, where he was named the S. William Green Professor of Public Law in 2011, and worked until his appointment to the federal bench in 2014. Chief Judge Barron continues to teach at Harvard Law School as the Louis D. Brandeis Visiting Professor of Law. He is the co-editor of two casebooks, and the author of numerous articles and three books, including *Waging War: The Clash Between Presidents and Congress, 1776 to ISIS*, which won the Colby Award in 2017. As a judge on the First Circuit Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Barron served on the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Space and Facilities.

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