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Five New Family Court Magistrate Judges To Be Installed At Dc Superior Court Today

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Chief Judge Rufus G. King III will install five new magistrates judges to the Family Court today, December 12, 2002 at 4pm. The five new magistrates are: Joan Goldfrank, Karen Howze, John McCabe, Tara Fentress, and Julie Breslow. Ms. Goldfrank will serve as the Chair of the Mental Health Commission. The other four new magistrate judges will handle cases of abused and neglected children.

WHAT: Family Court Magistrate Judge Installation

WHERE: Atrium, 3rd floor, Moultrie Courthouse, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

WHEN: Friday, September 20th at 4:00pm

WHO: Chief Judge Rufus King III, presiding
Judge Lynn Liebovitz will swear-in the new judge
Judge-designate Jeb Boasberg

Joan L. Goldfrank has lived in the District of Columbia since 1977. Ms. Goldfrank received her B. A. degree, cum laude, from Emory University and her J. D. from Emory University School of Law. She was an attorney with the Department of Justice for the past eight years, most recently as Senior Legal Advisor in the Department's Professional Responsibility Advisory Office, an office she helped to create. She has also served in the Legal Advisor's Office at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital where she advised the hospital on a broad range of legal issues and represented it in court regarding various proceedings. She has been an adjunct professor at the American University Washington College of Law and Vermont Law School, where she taught professional responsibility. Ms. Goldfrank currently is a Board member of the Frederick B. Abramson Memorial Foundation. She is married to Michael Brustein, an education lawyer. They have one teenage daughter.

Karen Aileen Howze is a graduate of the University of Southern California and Hastings College of Law. Ms. Howze worked as a newspaper reporter and editor in Detroit, San Francisco, Long Island and Rochester, New York. She moved to Washington, D.C. in 1981 to serve as a founding editor of USA Today. In 1988, she was named a news executive for Gannet Company, Inc. In June 1990, Ms. Howze launched a diversity management consulting firm specializing in media workforce and content diversity. In 1991, she opened a law office focusing on abuse and neglect, and mental health law. She added Probate, Special Education, Adoption and Domestic Relations matters in 1994 after she ended her tenure as a member of the journalism faculties at American and Howard Universities. Between January 2000 and June 2001, Ms. Howze served as Family Division Special Master. In July 2001, she was named Director of Adolescent Health Programs for the ABA Center on Children and Law. Ms. Howze has three daughters. John McCabe graduated from Duke University and received his J. D., cum laude, from Tulane University Law School. Mr. McCabe was an Assistant United States Attorney from 1998 until his appointment as a Magistrate Judge. In that capacity, he prosecuted felony and misdemeanor trials in the Superior Court and argued cases before the Court of Appeals. From 1990 to 1998, Mr. McCabe was an Assistant Corporation Counsel. During his tenure in the Intrafamily Offense Unit, he

handled hundreds of child abuse and neglect hearings. In 1992, he was selected as the first Chief of the Domestic Violence Section of the Office of the Corporation Counsel, where he served for three years and assisted with the opening of the Domestic Violence Intake Center in 1996. Mr. McCabe was a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia from 1989 to 1990, representing indigent clients in family law and public benefits matters.

Tara J. Fentress graduated from Wesleyan University, completed a program at the City of London Polytechnic and received her J.D. from Georgetown University. In 1992, Ms. Fentress established a private law practice, primarily focused on child welfare, providing court-appointed representation of children in the areas of child abuse, neglect, custody and adoption. She serves on the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect. As a member of that Committee's Domestic Violence/Child Abuse and Neglect Task Force, she planned and facilitated "The 2002 Summit on Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment." Ms. Fentress is President of the Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women Lawyers Division of the National Bar Association. She was appointed to the D.C. Bar Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee, which received the "Best Bar Committee Award" in 2001. Ms. Fentress is the editor of a children's book series, and sings with gospel music recording artist and Grammy Award Nominee "Richard Smallwood & Vision."

Julie Rebecca Breslow graduated magna cum laude from Union College, and received her J.D. from Albany Law School. She joined the Office of the Corporation Counsel and was a trial attorney in the Child Support Enforcement, Juvenile Delinquency and Child Abuse and Neglect sections. In 1995, Ms. Breslow joined the staff of the court-appointed receiver for the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), training social workers on legal issues. She established the Court Services Unit at CFSA to assist social workers and the Court. In 1998, Ms. Breslow became the Victims' Rights Attorney for the Executive Office of United States Attorneys. She then joined the D.C. United States Attorney's Office as Chief of the Victim and Witness Assistance Unit. There Ms. Breslow established the office's Child Waiting Room, which provides child victims and the children of victims and witnesses with a safe and child-friendly place to play while they wait. Ms. Breslow was on the Board of Directors of the D.C. Rape Crisis Center from 1995-2000, and served as the President of the Board from 1998-1999.

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