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**CLERK OF COURT
RICHARD DONOVAN TO TAKE NEW POSITION**

BOSTON (October 5, 2009) — The Clerk of Court for the First Circuit Court of Appeals, Richard Cushing Donovan, has announced his resignation effective December 18, 2009, in order to take another public service position. Mr. Donovan has served as the Clerk of Court since October 2001 and has overseen significant improvements in the operations of the office to the benefit of the bench, bar, parties, and the public. Among other things, under his stewardship, the court is implementing electronic case management and electronic case filing. In addition to his contributions to the First Circuit, he has made contributions to the federal judiciary as a whole, serving on many national committees. Mr. Donovan will later serve as the Administrative Officer for the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire.

First Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Sandra Lynch stated that "Mr. Donovan has made a great deal of difference over the past eight years to the quality of the administration of justice through the improvements he has brought to the Clerk's Office, and his development of the staff and his office's relationship with the bar. The Court is very grateful for his hard work and his many contributions both to this court, to the federal judiciary and to the public."

The First Circuit Court of Appeals is now seeking applications for Mr. Donovan's successor. A job description can be found at www.ca1.uscourts.gov.