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FEDERAL JUDGE GORTON
TO SIT FULL-TIME IN BOSTON

Relocation to take effect on appointment
of successor to Senior Judge Keeton

BOSTON (April 7, 2003) – U.S. District Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton, who has been assigned to the central division of the District of Massachusetts in Worcester for the past 11 years, will be relocated to Boston on the confirmation of a successor to U.S. District Judge Robert E. Keeton.

The announcement of Gorton's prospective relocation was made by Chief U.S. District Judge William G. Young in a recent letter to the 1st Circuit Judicial Council. The council, which consists of the active judges of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and one judge representative from each of the five districts within the circuit (Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico and Rhode Island), has administrative oversight of the federal judiciary in this region.

Gorton, 64, a member of the U.S. District Court since 1992, has been assigned to the Worcester division since his appointment to the bench. His assignment coincided with the opening of a full-time division of the court in that city, the state's second largest after Boston.

Earlier this year, Keeton, 83, announced that he would assume senior status and take a reduced workload effective March 1. His announcement created a vacancy on the 13-member court, and potential successors are under consideration. The individual appointed to succeed Judge Keeton will assume a Worcester duty station.

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