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**MARIA R. HAMILTON SELECTED AS CLERK OF COURT
FOR THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT**

BOSTON (July 2, 2018)—Chief Judge Jeffrey R. Howard of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit announced today that Maria R. Hamilton has been selected as the next Clerk of Court for the First Circuit Court of Appeals, effective October 1, 2018. Ms. Hamilton will replace Margaret Carter, who has served as Clerk of Court since 2009, upon her retirement.

Ms. Hamilton has served as Chief Deputy Clerk of the Court of Appeals since 2010. Prior to joining the Clerk's Office, Ms. Hamilton litigated intellectual property matters in federal court and before the International Trade Commission for three years as a Principal at Fish & Richardson's Boston office. In 1994, Ms. Hamilton became a law clerk for the Honorable Richard G. Stearns, of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts -- a position that she held for 13 years. Upon her graduation from Harvard Law School, Ms. Hamilton began her legal career as a litigator at two Boston law firms.

Chief Judge Howard stated that "Ms. Hamilton's extensive experience with the judiciary and as a litigator will greatly benefit the First Circuit Court of Appeals. All of the members of the Court are pleased that Ms. Hamilton will continue to serve the Court and the public in her

new role as Clerk of Court." He added that "the Court is extremely indebted to outgoing Clerk of Court Margaret Carter for her more than 25 years of dedicated service to the judiciary."