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### **PRESS RELEASE**

## **NELL BROWN SELECTED AS CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT CASE BUDGETING ATTORNEY**

BOSTON (August 1, 2025) — Chief Judge David J. Barron of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit announced that Attorney Nell Brown has been selected to serve as the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Case Budgeting Attorney for the U.S. Courts for the First Circuit, effective September 15, 2025. Attorney Brown replaces Michael C. Andrews, who is retiring in August after more than ten years as the circuit's Case Budgeting Attorney.

Attorney Brown will join the First Circuit from the chambers of Judge Mark L. Wolf, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, where she has been a career law clerk since September 2024. Attorney Brown has an A.B. from Harvard College and earned her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2001. Following graduation from law school, Attorney Brown completed two one-year federal clerkships, one in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and one in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Attorney Brown has extensive experience in federal criminal indigent representation, having served as Assistant Federal Public Defender at

the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Oregon for more than 18 years from 2006 to 2024. Prior to joining the Office of the Federal Public Defender, Attorney Brown was an associate at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP for nearly three years.

As CJA Case Budgeting Attorney, Attorney Brown will provide guidance, support, oversight, and assistance regarding CJA case budgeting to courts and CJA panel attorneys in the First Circuit.

Chief Judge Barron is pleased to welcome Attorney Brown to the role of CJA Case Budgeting Attorney and thanks Attorney Andrews for his decade of superb and dedicated service. Chief Judge Barron also expresses his gratitude to Judge Lara E. Montecalvo, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and Chief Judge Denise J. Casper, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, for their efforts in the selection process.