

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, ss.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
No. SJC-12926

**COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES AND MASSACHUSETTS  
ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS**

v.

**CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE TRIAL COURT**

ORDER

Attorney Brien T. O'Connor of Ropes and Gray LLP is hereby appointed Special Master in this matter. The Special Master shall explore a possible negotiated settlement with all parties and make recommendations to the court concerning these efforts as soon as possible. The Special Master shall also assist the parties in submitting to the court an agreed statement of facts if an agreement can be reached. Counsel for the parties shall forthwith send to the Special Master, at [Brien.O'Connor@ropesgray.com](mailto:Brien.O'Connor@ropesgray.com), their contact information including email addresses, cell phone, and office phone numbers. Finally, the Special Master may assist the court with implementing any orders if such orders issue.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further order of the court.

RALPH D. GANTS )  
 ) Chief Justice  
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FRANK M. GAZIANO ) Justices  
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DAVID A. LOWY )  
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KIMBERLY S. BUDD )  
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ELSPETH B. CYPHER )  
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SCOTT L. KAFKER )

Entered: March 25, 2020