

MASSACHUSETTS

One of the original states, Massachusetts was created as a single-district state by the Judiciary Act of 1789,¹ and remains so. Four of its judgeships initially were authorized as temporary but subsequently converted: MA.ST.02 and MA.ST.03 were created in 1922 and converted in 1935;² MA.ST.04 was converted in 1941,³ and MA.ST.12.01 in 1990.⁴

Judge Rya Zobel (MA.ST.08.01) became Director of the Federal Judicial Center on May 1, 1995. Under 28 USC 133(b)(1),⁵ when a judge assumes a full-time, judicial administrative position, the president, with senatorial approval, can appoint an additional judge.⁶ Under these circumstances, MA.ST.14.01 was created, and Judge O'Toole joined the Court.

Massachusetts is lodged in the First Circuit and has fourteen judgeships.

Statutory History		
<i>Seat</i>	<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Authority</i>
MA.ST.01	Act of September 24, 1789	1 STAT. 73
MA.ST.02	Act of September 14, 1922	42 STAT. 837
MA.ST.03	Act of September 14, 1922	42 STAT. 837
MA.ST.04	Act of May 31, 1938	52 STAT. 585
MA.ST.05	Act of February 10, 1954	68 STAT. 8
MA.ST.06	Act of May 19, 1961	75 STAT. 80
MA.ST.07	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
MA.ST.08	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
MA.ST.09	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629

¹Act of September 24, 1789, 1 STAT. 73.

²Act of August 19, 1935, 49 STAT. 659.

³Act of November 21, 1941, 55 STAT. 773.

⁴Act of December 1, 1990, 104 STAT. 5089.

⁵Act of December 1, 1990, 104 STAT. 5105.

⁶If the judge-turned-administrator returns to the court, then the first vacancy on the court goes unfilled.

MA.ST.10	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
MA.ST.11	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333
MA.ST.12	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333
MA.ST.13	Act of December 1, 1990	104 STAT. 5089
MA.ST.14	Act of December 1, 1990	104 STAT. 5105

Seat Histories					
<i>Position #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Confirmation</i>	<i>Date of Departure</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Party</i>
MA.ST.01.01	Lowell, John A.	September 26, 1789	February 20, 1801	Elevated to First Circuit	Federalist
MA.ST.01.02	Davis, John A.	February 20, 1801	July 10, 1841	Resigned	Federalist
MA.ST.01.03	Sprague, Peleg	July 16, 1841	January 1, 1865	Resigned	Whig
MA.ST.01.04	Lowell, John	March 11, 1865	December 18, 1878	Elevated to First Circuit	Republican
MA.ST.01.05	Nelson, Thomas Leverett	January 10, 1879	November 21, 1897	Deceased	Republican
MA.ST.01.06	Lowell, Francis Cabot	January 10, 1898	February 23, 1905	Elevated to First Circuit	Republican
MA.ST.01.07	Dodge, Frederic	February 23, 1905	July 23, 1912	Elevated to First Circuit	Republican
MA.ST.01.08	Morton, James Madison, Jr.	August 12, 1912	January 9, 1932	Elevated to First Circuit	Republican
MA.ST.01.09	McLellan, Hugh Dean	February 3, 1932	October 1, 1941	Resigned	Republican
MA.ST.01.10	Wyzanski, Charles E., Jr.	December 16, 1941	September 1, 1971	Retired	Democrat
MA.ST.01.11	Campbell, Levin H.	November 23, 1971	June 30, 1972	Elevated to First Circuit	Republican
MA.ST.01.12	Freedman, Frank H.	October 12, 1972	January 1, 1992	Retired	Republican

MA.ST.01.13	Ponsor, Michael A.	February 10, 1994	Active	Active	Independent
MA.ST.02.01	Lowell, James Arnold	September 22, 1922	November 30, 1933	Deceased	Republican
MA.ST.02.02	Sweeney, George Clifton	August 21, 1935	September 30, 1966	Retired	Democrat
MA.ST.02.03	Murray, Frank J.	April 5, 1967	July 15, 1977	Retired	Democrat
MA.ST.02.04	Mazzone, A. David	February 7, 1978	June 3, 1993	Retired	Democrat
MA.ST.02.05	Gertner, Nancy	February 10, 1994	Active	Active	Democrat
MA.ST.03.01	Brewster, Elisha Hume	September 22, 1922	October 15, 1941	Retired	Republican
MA.ST.03.02	Healey, Arthur Daniel	December 16, 1941	September 16, 1948	Deceased	Democrat
MA.ST.03.03	McCarthy, William T.	January 31, 1949	May 31, 1960	Retired	Democrat
MA.ST.03.04	Caffrey, Andrew A.	August 9, 1961 ⁷	October 17, 1986	Retired	Republican
MA.ST.03.05	Harrington, Edward F.	February 19, 1988	March 1, 2001	Retired	Republican
MA.ST.03.06	Vacant				
MA.ST.04.01	Ford, Francis Joseph W.	June 15, 1938	July 1, 1972	Retired	Democrat
MA.ST.04.02	Tauro, Joseph L.	October 12, 1972	Active	Active	Republican
MA.ST.05.01	Aldrich, Bailey	April 23, 1954	September 10, 1959	Elevated to First Circuit	Republican

⁷Recess appointment, October 20, 1960.

MA.ST.05.02	Julian, Anthony	September 9, 1959	August 1, 1972	Retired	Republican
MA.ST.05.03	Skinner, Walter Jay	December 14, 1973	September 14, 1992	Retired	Republican
MA.ST.05.04	Saris, Patti B.	November 20, 1993	Active	Active	Democrat
MA.ST.06.01	Garrity, W. Arthur, Jr.	June 24, 1966	December 1, 1985	Retired	Democrat
MA.ST.06.02	Woodlock, Douglas P.	June 13, 1986	Active	Active	Republican
MA.ST.07.01	Keeton, Robert E.	March 21, 1979	February 28, 2003	Retired	Democrat
MA.ST.07.02	Saylor, F. Dennis, IV	June 1, 2004	Active	Active	Republican
MA.ST.08.01	Zobel, Rya Weickert ⁸	March 21, 1979	Active ⁹	Active	Democrat
MA.ST.09.01	Nelson, David Sutherland ¹⁰	March 21, 1979	September 27, 1991	Retired	Democrat
MA.ST.09.02	Lindsay, Reginald C.	November 20, 1993	Active	Active	Democrat
MA.ST.10.01	McNaught, John Joseph	March 21, 1979	February 1, 1991	Retired	Democrat
MA.ST.10.02	Stearns, Richard G.	November 20, 1993	Active	Active	Democrat

⁸First female district judge appointed from Massachusetts.

⁹From May 1, 1995 to July 16, 1999, on administrative leave as Director of the Federal Judicial Center.

¹⁰First African American district judge appointed from Massachusetts.

MA.ST.11.01	Wolf, Mark L.	April 3, 1985	Active	Active	Republican
MA.ST.12.01	Young, William G.	April 3, 1985	Active	Active	Republican
MA.ST.13.01	Gorton, Nathaniel Matheson	September 23, 1992	Active	Active	Republican
MA.ST.14.01	O'Toole, George A., Jr.	May 25, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat

