



Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

March 1, 2023

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended; Section 8-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence; and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day appointing Maria F. Deaton, Esq., of 188 Benefit Street, Providence, RI 02906 as an Associate Justice of the Providence Housing Court, for a term to end January 2, 2026, and respectfully submit the same for your approval. Ms. Deaton replaces Mr. Garcia whose term has expired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brett P. Smiley".

Brett P. Smiley
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL
APR 06 2023

READ

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tina L. Martini".
CLERK

CURRICULUM VITAE

Maria F. Deaton, Esquire
Lynch & Pine, Attorneys At Law
One Park Row, 5th Floor, Providence, RI 02903 cell (401)230-963 Work (401) 274-3306

BAR ADMISSION

- Admitted to the State Bars of Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Arizona.
- Admitted to practice in the United States District Court of the District of Rhode Island.
- Admitted to practice in the United States District Court of the District of Massachusetts.
- Admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the First District.

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR (1993-1996)
NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF LAW Boston, Massachusetts

BACHELOR OF ARTS (1991-1993)
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE Providence, Rhode Island

- Major: Political Science

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI (1989-1990)
▪ Major: Political Science Kansas City, Missouri

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA (1989)
EAST PROVIDENCE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL East Providence, Rhode Island

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LYNCH & PINE
PARTNER, ATTORNEY AT LAW (AUGUST, 2011 –
PRESENT)

- Responsible for all aspects of litigation, including trial preparation, preparation of motions and discovery documents, interviewing clients, conducting depositions, negotiating settlements and representation of clients at the trial level for criminal, civil and personal injury matters.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (FEBRUARY, 2017 – PRESENT)
POLICE OFFICERS' COMMISSION ON STANDARDS & TRAINING

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
PROBATE COURT JUDGE (JANUARY, 2019 – PRESENT)
DEPUTY PROBATE COURT JUDGE (MAY, 2017 – DECEMBER 2018)

- Preside over formal and contested probate matters to insure proper distribution of assets of a decedent, adjudicate the validity of wills, enforce provisions of a valid will, address and prevent malfeasance by executors and/or administrators of estates, and provide for the equitable distribution of the assets of persons who die intestate. Preside over guardianships and mental health matters.

RI DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION

SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
2011)

(JANUARY, 2006 – JULY,

- Trial Attorney, Narcotics and Organized Crime Unit (January, 2008 – July, 2011)
Prosecution of all levels of narcotics possession and distribution offenses as well as organized crimes and firearms offenses in Superior Court. Also assigned to the general trial calendar, handling jury trials, grand jury and dispositions in matters involving, but not limited to murder, sexual assault, child molestation and robbery.
- Designated Firearms Prosecutor (January, 2008 – July, 2011)
Liaison to the US Attorney's office and other investigative and community agencies, assisting in the investigations, provide legal advice and assistance when needed and screening of all firearm cases in order to determine the proper venue for prosecution, including, the Safe Streets Task Force.
- Trial Attorney, Domestic Violence Unit (December, 2006 – January, 2008)
- Trial Attorney, District Court Unit (January, 2006 – December, 2006)

CAPE & ISLANDS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BARNSTABLE, MA
(1999-2002, 2003-2005)

- Tried over 100 jury trials to verdict.
- Responsible for the prosecution of major felony cases, including narcotics trafficking, motor vehicle homicides and operating under the influence resulting in catastrophic injuries. Presentation of evidence before the grand jury.
- Sex Offender Management Unit (2004-2005)
Primary trial and probable cause hearing attorney for Sexually Dangerous Persons Civil Commitment cases in the Superior Courts of Barnstable, Nantucket and Dukes Counties.
Prosecution of Sex Offenders failing to register.
Prosecution of child abuse, rape and other sexual offenses in the Superior Courts.
- Domestic Violence Unit (1999-2002)
Responsible for all stages of prosecution of misdemeanor and felony domestic violence cases. Judicial liaison for the Portuguese speaking community

CARTER & DEATON
SOLO PRACTITIONER

YUMA, ARIZONA
(1997- 1999)

- Responsible for all aspects of litigation, including trial preparation, preparation of motions and discovery documents, interviewing clients, conducting depositions, negotiating settlements and representation of clients at the trial level for criminal, family law and personal injury matters.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- RI State Police Academy on issue relating to DUI investigations
- 66th Providence Police Municipal Academy regarding the Administration of Justice and Constitutional matters
- Roger Willams University School of Law guest lecturer for Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Barnstable Police Department Citizens Academy
- Sandwich Police Department Citizens Academy

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Rhode Island Bar Association
 - Chairperson Rhode Island Bar Association Criminal Bench Bar
 - Rhode Island Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (Executive Committee)
 - Rhode Island Association for Justice
 - Massachusetts Bar Association
 - National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
 - Rhode Island Womens Bar Association
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