

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND • MAYOR BRETT P. SMILEY

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DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL

IN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 17, 2025

JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Nominates **JOHN E. MARTINELLI** as Judge of the Probate Court, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Calls for further nominations, and there being none, directs the Clerk to cast One Ballot for the Nomination of **JOHN E. MARTINELLI**, as Judge of the Probate Court.

The Clerk casts One Ballot as directed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, Thereupon declares **JOHN E. MARTINELLI**, duly Elected Clerk of the Probate Court for the ensuing term of six years ending on the first Monday in January, 2032.

JOHN E. MARTINELLI
JUDGE



PAUL V. JABOUR
CLERK

Melissa M. Guardarrama
DEPUTY CLERK

PROBATE COURT OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND

December 11, 2025

The Honorable Council President Rachel Miller and
Honorable Members of the Providence City Council;

It has been our privilege to serve the City of Providence as Providence Probate Court Judge and as Probate Court Clerk, respectively. As this term approaches its conclusion on January 2, 2026, we appreciate the confidence and support given to us by prior and current members of the City Council for our appointment and the considerations provided to the Court each year in accepting the Court's departmental budgetary requests.

While the court is challenging, by requiring preparation, responsiveness and patience due to the many complicated life-changing issues presented, it is also very rewarding for us and the staff to know that a fair, just and impartial setting for very personal, family issues is available, accessible and maintained for anyone requiring relevant decisions by this Court.

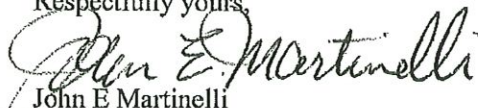
Future goals for the Court include the following:


- Continue to work with the City Archivist and City Clerk to implement a system of digital record keeping of all Probate Files and reduce the paper files kept on site.
- In addition to the above, to implement an electronic filing system for all new probate matters as utilized in other Courts' systems, including the State Court system' with appropriate safeguards for all new probate matters.
- Continue to upgrade our computer system with City IT department to better serve the growing number of Adult and Minor Guardianships and to be coordinated with our electronic filing system.
- To ensure adequate translation services from Spanish to English to all who require assistance from Court.

We humbly request your support for appointment to another six (6) year term as Providence Probate Judge and Probate Clerk.

If you have any questions on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us by email, phone or in person and we will respond to any questions you may have relative to the contents of this letter.

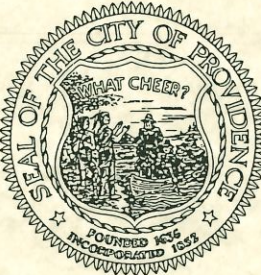
Respectfully yours,


John E Martinelli
Probate Judge


Paul V. Jabour
Probate Court Clerk

State of Rhode Island

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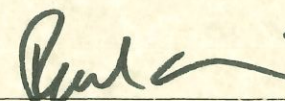


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I, John E. Martinelli, do solemnly swear that
I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State
of Rhode Island and the Providence Home Rule Charter and that
I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of
Judge of the
Providence Probate Court
to the best of my ability.


John E. Martinelli
Council President

I, Rachel M. Miller
do hereby certify that on the 17th day of December, A. D. 20 25,
I did administer unto John E. Martinelli
duly appointed to the office of
Judge of the
Providence Probate Court
the above subscribed oath.


Rachel M. Miller
Council President