

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, ss.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY  
No. SJ-2020-0115

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

**v.**

**CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE TRIAL COURT**

INTERIM ORDER

I have carefully reviewed the G. L. c. 211, § 3, petition in this case. As it stands now, only the Chief Justice of the Trial Court has been named as a respondent (although the certificate of service indicates that others have been served as well). Given the various types of relief sought and the individuals and institutions who would be affected, I order that the following be deemed necessary parties and added as respondents: the Department of Correction; each of the county Sheriffs; each District Attorney; the Parole Board; and the Attorney General.

The petitioners shall make service by e-mail immediately – and no later than the end of today – on each of these individuals and entities if they have not yet done so, and, if done after regular business hours, shall take any other steps that may reasonably be available to them to ensure that these respondents are aware of the service. At the same time the petitioners serve the petition and its attachments, they shall also provide each respondent with a copy of this order and a copy of the amicus letter that has been filed in support of the petition.

The respondents shall have until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2020, to file their responses to the petition and any supporting material they wish to provide. Filing may be accomplished by e-mailing the submissions in .pdf format to Assistant Clerk Amy Stewart of the county court Clerk's office [REDACTED]. The parties should arrange in advance with Ms. Stewart on how best to effectuate service on all others. The Commissioner of Probation may file and serve his own, separate response in addition to whatever response is filed by the Chief Justice of the Trial Court.

Additional amicus letters will be accepted in support of either side, or in support of neither side, provided that the submissions comply with Mass. R. A. P. 17 (c) (5), and that the amicus or amici so certify in their submissions.

After I receive all responses, I will take appropriate next steps, which may include, among other options, a hearing or a reservation and report to the full court. Counsel for all the parties, once served, should make their best efforts to arrange their schedules so that they (or someone in their offices with authority to act) are available on short notice.

/s/ Kimberly S. Budd  
Kimberly S. Budd  
Associate Justice

Date: March 24, 2020, 6 PM