

Judith Gail Dein
United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court for the
District of Massachusetts

Judith Gail Dein was appointed Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts on July 31, 2000 and served as Chief Magistrate Judge from February 2009 until February 2012. She graduated from Union College, summa cum laude in 1976, and Boston College Law School, cum laude, in 1979, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review. After her graduation from law school, she served as a law clerk to the Justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court (1979-1980) and then as a law clerk to Robert Braucher, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (1980-1981). She then joined the litigation department of Hale and Dorr, LLP, first as an associate and then as a junior partner (1981-1989), and then became a partner at Warner & Stackpole, LLP, which later merged with Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, LLP. She remained at the firm until her appointment to the bench. While in private practice, her work focused on civil litigation with an emphasis on commercial litigation and employment law. Judge Dein has served as a member of the Advisory Group of Magistrate Judges for the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. She is a Fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation and American Bar Association, and is an active participant in the Discovering Justice Court Education Project. In 2011, she received a Community Peacemaker Award from the Community Dispute Settlement Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts in recognition of her help in creating a court program that provides pro bono mediation counsel for pro se litigants. In 2012, she was elected as a member of the Board of Trustees of Union College.