



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
District of Rhode Island**

**Press Release**

**U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island  
Announces the Appointment of John G. Marshall,  
as Chief United States Probation Officer**

PROVIDENCE (October 20, 2017) – On behalf of the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, Chief Judge William E. Smith announced that John G. Marshall, former Deputy Chief United States Probation Officer, has been appointed as the new Chief U.S. Probation Officer for the District of Rhode Island effective October 1, 2017. Mr. Marshall succeeds Kurt O’Sullivan who retired on September 30, 2017.

The Chief Probation Officer is a high level management position which functions under the administrative direction of the Chief Judge of the Court. The Chief Probation Officer is directly responsible for administration and management of all daily operations of federal probation and pretrial services within the District of Rhode Island.

Mr. Marshall’s education includes the achievement of a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Connecticut in May 1994 and a Master of Social Work from Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts in May 2000.

Since 2000, Mr. Marshall has worked for the U.S. Probation Office in three districts: Colorado, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. He came to Rhode Island in 2011 as a Supervising U.S. Probation Officer and was promoted to Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer in 2014. In addition to his successful career as a U.S. Probation Officer, his involvement in local and national initiatives allowed him to gain extensive experience in the areas of administration and leadership. Mr. Marshall's accomplishments include, but are not limited to, being a member of both the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts' Search and Seizure and Sex Offender Management Phase II working groups and recently served as a facilitator at a national sex offender conference. He worked with the Federal Judicial Center to help develop curriculum and facilitate a new deputy CUE program for all court units. He has also served as an adjunct faculty member for the National Training Academy and is helping new officers from around the country develop effective testifying skills. He is currently spearheading the implementation of evidence-based initiatives within the District of Rhode Island which includes: a District-wide use of validated risk prediction tools for both post-conviction and pretrial release cases; significant involvement in the establishment and oversight of HOPE Court (the District's first re-entry court) and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) group for high risk offenders, and the Court's Deferred Sentencing Program; and the successful transition for all officers to be trained in and to utilize Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Re-Arrest (STARR) techniques. His array of experience has well-prepared him for his new responsibilities as Chief Probation Officer.

In making the announcement, Chief Judge Smith stated, *"I am very pleased that John Marshall has become our new Chief of Probation. His experience, dedication to the work of the Probation Office and to innovation and problem solving is going to serve the District of Rhode Island well for years to come."*