



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

**NEW CHIEF UNITED STATES PROBATION OFFICER  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

Chief Judge William E. Smith announced today that Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer Kurt E. O'Sullivan has been selected to succeed Barry Weiner as the Chief U.S. Probation Officer for the District of Rhode Island. Mr. Weiner will be retiring from his position as of June 1, 2014. Mr. O'Sullivan's appointment will be effective on Monday, June 2, 2014.

Mr. O'Sullivan has been employed by the Probation Office since 1988. During his 26 years of service to the Court, he has held the positions of U.S. Probation Officer, Supervising U.S. Probation Officer and, most recently, Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer, and he has been responsible for overseeing all areas of the operation of the Probation Office. His education includes a masters degree from Anna Maria College and numerous programs, courses and certifications within the Federal Judiciary.

In making the announcement, Chief Judge Smith stated, "Kurt has served this District admirably, and he has earned a reputation for dedication, diligence and professionalism. I am confident that Kurt will maintain the highest standard of quality and professionalism for which the Probation Office is now known."

May 28, 2014

DAVID A. DIMARZIO  
Clerk of Court