

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, ss.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
No. SJC-12926

COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES and  
MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS

v.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE TRIAL COURT and others.

**ORDER**

This matter came before the court on the petitioners' amended petition for relief under G. L. 211, § 3, and for declaratory relief under G. L. c. 231A, § 1. Upon consideration, it is ORDERED that the amended petition is denied without prejudice to refile in the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. The subsequent filing shall take the form of a civil pleading, not an appellate brief, with numbered factual allegations and discrete causes of action and prayers for relief that can be answered in due course by the named respondents. After filing, the respondents within 15 days shall file an answer, which shall indicate all material factual allegations that they dispute. Along with its pleading, each side may file a supporting memorandum of law not to exceed twenty double-spaced pages. The single justice will then decide the appropriate next steps.

BY THE COURT,

  
Francis V. Kenneally, Clerk

Entered: December 23, 2020