



**THE TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SUPERIOR COURT**

**Kenneth W. Salinger**  
Justice

Suffolk Superior Court  
Three Pemberton Square, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Re: Recognition of Service, Professor Janet Randall, Northeastern Service

To whom it may concern:

I serve as Chair of the Model Jury Instruction Committee of the Massachusetts Superior Court. I write to express the Court's sincere appreciation for the support, advice, and assistance that we have received from Professor Janet Randall for our work, starting two years ago, to develop model Superior Court jury instructions that are legally accurate yet can be understood by jurors.

We were able to draw inspiration and guidance from past contributions by Prof. Randall, including the following workshops that she presented through the Flaschner Judicial Institute, which provides professional education for Massachusetts state court judges.

- o May 2019 – "In pursuit of comprehension: Law, meet Linguistics. A workshop for new judges;" and
- o October 2014 – "'What was that, again?' Instructing a Jury in Plain English. A Workshop for Judges."

In addition, Prof. Randall made very helpful presentations to our entire committee (then chaired by Judge Kathe Tuttmann) in May 2020 about legal language compared to plain language jury instructions, and then to our Criminal Instructions subcommittee (chaired by Judge Beverly Cannone) in April 2021 to discuss draft model instructions on Assault & Battery, Intent, and Kidnapping.

Finally, Prof. Randall provided invaluable feedback on selected model instructions drafted by our General Instructions, Civil Instructions, and Criminal Instructions subcommittees as we were getting started on our model instruction project. The insights and thoughtful suggestions she shared with the judges serving on these committees were incredibly helpful, and have informed our work going forward.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Kenneth W. Salinger