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Panel to Explore Child Support Issues for Married and Unmarried Parents

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Boston—The Criminal Justice Program at Roxbury Community College and the Probate and Family Court Division of the Administrative Office of the Massachusetts Trial Court will co-sponsor a panel discussion on **Child Support Issues for Married and Unmarried Parents** on March 26th from 5:00-6:30 P.M. in Room 121 of the Academic Building at RCC.

The panel consists of distinguished Massachusetts judges and lawyers including Chief Paula M. Carey, Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court Department of the Massachusetts Trial Court; Judge Angela M. Ordoñez, Associate Justice of the Probate and Family Court, Norfolk Division; Attorney Marilyn Ray Smith, Chief Legal Counsel of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement Division; Attorney Patrick Yoyo, Probate and Family Court Probation; and Attorney Marilynne R. Ryan, Probate and Family Court Practitioner.

Attorney Carol F. Liebman, Criminal Justice Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program at Roxbury Community College, will serve as the moderator.

The purpose of the panel discussion is to educate interested members of RCC and of the Greater Roxbury community about issues related to child support. There will be a question and answer period following the panel's presentation. A Spanish interpreter will be available.

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

The Panelists:

Honorable Paula M. Carey is the Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court as of October 2007. Prior to that, she was an Associate Justice of the Norfolk Probate and Family Court. Prior to her appointment to the bench in January 2001, she was a partner in the firm of Carey & Mooney, PC, where she specialized in domestic relations matters, Judge Carey is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, previously serving on the Family Law Section Council; the Boston Bar Association; and the American Bar Association. She is the 2004 Massachusetts Judges Conference recipient of the Probate and Family Court Judicial Excellence Award, and the 2006 recipient of the Daniel J. Toomey Excellence in the Judiciary Award. Judge Carey is a graduate of New England School of Law.

Honorable Angela M. Ordoñez was appointed to the Nantucket Probate and Family Court Department in June 2000, and served as First Justice until 2005. In October 2008, Governor Deval Patrick appointed Judge Ordoñez as an Associate Justice of the Norfolk Probate and Family Court. Prior to her appointment Judge Ordoñez was an Assistant Register of Probate at Suffolk Probate and Family Court and a staff attorney in the Family Law Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services. She is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association Access to Justice Council. Judge Ordoñez has co-authored chapters and provided judicial commentary for MCLE publications and participated in numerous educational programs.

Attorney Marilyn Ray Smith is Chief Legal Counsel and former Deputy Commissioner for the Child Support Enforcement Division of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. She served as a member of the Guidelines Task Force for the 2009 Guidelines and was a member of the Advisory Committee for the 1988 Guidelines. With more than 22 years of service at CSE, Attorney Smith has sponsored path-breaking initiatives that have become national models including responsible fatherhood and healthy marriage programs in partnership with community-based organizations. She has testified on child support issues on numerous occasions before the U.S. House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources and the U.S. Senate Finance Committee. A graduate of Smith College and Northeastern University School of Law, she has authored numerous articles on child support enforcement and is co-author of *Enforcing Child and Spousal Support* (Chicago, 1995). For her work in child support enforcement and as an advocate for children, Attorney Smith received the Smith College Medal in 2003.

Attorney Patrick Yoyo is an Assistant Judicial Case Manager to the First Justice of the Suffolk County Probate and Family Court Department. Attorney Yoyo is responsible for the daily case management and judicial administration for the department. Prior to his current position, Mr. Yoyo was, for seven years, Assistant Chief Housing Specialist for the Boston Housing Court Department. In these positions, Attorney Yoyo has worked with and provided legal and procedural information to the public and attorneys in the Boston area and surrounding communities. Attorney Yoyo is a cum laude graduate of Northeastern University. He received his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Attorney Marilynne R. Ryan is the founding partner of Ryan & Faenza. She has been a practicing attorney for 23 years. She is a magna cum laude graduate of New England School of Law, and is certified in both collaborative law and mediation. Attorney Ryan has over 37 years experience in family law, enjoys an AV rating from Martindale Hubbell, and is a frequent lecturer on various aspects of family law. She co-authored the 1st through 4th Editions of *Massachusetts Domestic Relations*, and its annual updates from 1982 through 2006. A former chair of both the Family Law Council of the Massachusetts Bar Association and its Child Support Guidelines Committee, Attorney Ryan was most recently the Vice-Chair of the Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines Task Force.

