

MetroWest Legal Services Announces New Executive Director

FRAMINGHAM, Mass., Sept. 4 – The Board of Directors of MetroWest Legal Services, formerly South Middlesex Legal Services, is pleased to announce the appointment of Elizabeth Soule as executive director. Ms. Soule’s appointment follows the December 2007 death of Nancy King, who served as executive director from 1979 until 2007.

Ms. Soule will be responsible for the strategic management of the agency and its day-to-day operations. She brings significant experience in advocacy work on behalf of low-income families to her new position.

“We believe that Betsy Soule is particularly well suited to succeed our late, great leader, Nancy King, and lead the agency into the future,” says Board President Jack Merrill. “The Board is pleased that the long evaluative process that led us to Betsy Soule yielded such an outstanding new executive director. We are excited about what the future holds under her leadership.”

Ms. Soule earned her Juris Doctor degree in 1987 from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. For the past 20 years, she has worked as an elder law attorney and has led the Benefits Unit of South Middlesex Legal Services. In addition to being a faculty member for the Trial Skills training program at the Center for Legal Aid Education in Boston, she has taught as a visiting clinical supervisor at the Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau and given presentations on many elder law topics in a wide range of contexts. She currently serves as board chair of the Wayland Council on Aging and as board president of the Weston Friendly Society of the Performing Arts.

About MWLS

The mission of MetroWest Legal Services is to provide legal advocacy to protect and advance the rights of poor, elderly, disabled and other disenfranchised people in 36 towns throughout MetroWest. With over twenty staff, MWLS handles elder law, government benefits, eviction defense, housing and foreclosure cases, special education, children’s access to healthcare, and family law matters, particularly those affecting domestic violence victims. For more information, please visit www.mwlegal.org.