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TWO NEW MEMBERS JOIN BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

Boston – Two new appointees of Governor Jane Swift were sworn in as members of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine last evening. The new members are Dr. Regis Anthony de Silva and Attorney Roscoe Trimmier, Jr. The seven-member Board, five of whom are physicians, was created to protect the public health and safety by setting standards for the practice of medicine and by ensuring that practitioners in the Commonwealth are appropriately qualified and competent. The Board licenses all physicians and investigates patient and consumer complaints. Board members serve for three-year terms.

Roscoe Trimmier, Jr., a partner at Ropes & Gray since 1983, is a trial lawyer involved in a variety of litigation in state and federal courts. His practice has provided significant professional trial experience in economics, statistics, modeling, scientific, and high-technology issues. He has also represented health care providers in disputes concerning the operation and management of HMOs. Mr. Trimmier is the assistant head of the firm's litigation department and has served as the head of the firm's environmental practice group, a member of the hiring committee, and a member of the firm's associates committee. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Member of the American Law Institute. A graduate of Harvard College (B.A., 1971) and Harvard Law School (J.D. 1974), Mr. Trimmier joined Ropes & Gray in 1974 and became a partner in 1983, becoming one of the first African-American attorneys to achieve partnership in a major Boston law firm.

Dr. Regis de Silva, of Cambridge, is a Board Certified Internist and Cardiologist at Beth Israel /Deaconess Medical Center. A native of Malaysia, Dr. De Silva studied at the University of Malaya and did his post-graduate training as a Clinical Fellow at Harvard

Medical School, a Cardiology Fellow at New England Deaconess Hospital, and a Fellow in Cardiology at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. de Silva holds an academic appointment as an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He has also been a visiting scholar at Cambridge University in Great Britain. Dr. de Silva is a past president of the Board of Directors of the American Heart Association's Boston Metro Division.

Dr. de Silva and Attorney Trimmier replace Dr. Arnold Relman and Attorney Peter Gelhaar on the Board of Registration in Medicine whose terms have expired.

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