

## **FORMER STATE SENATOR O’CONNOR IVES JOINS LAW FIRM OF FINNERAN & NICHOLSON, P.C.**

NEWBURYPORT – Former Massachusetts State Senator Kathleen O’Connor Ives has joined the law firm of Finneran & Nicholson, P.C., a law firm serving the Newburyport and Greater Boston region since 1984, effective August 1, 2019.

O’Connor Ives stated, “I was very deliberate about my next endeavor and I’m confident that in choosing to join Finneran & Nicholson, I’ll be working with a dedicated group of professionals. Both established and new businesses are hungry for knowledgeable, reliable and responsive counsel to help them navigate complex systems so their businesses can succeed. The team at Finneran & Nicholson fulfills this criteria. With the right counsel, to the client’s relief, their legal matters can have a positive outcome. These are the types of nuts and bolts matters my new colleagues work on, and I’m excited about the prospect of being able to help facilitate that type of problem-solving.”

At Finneran & Nicholson, O’Connor Ives is a Senior Associate. As such, she will be working to assist businesses and individuals to connect with the resources and experience the firm has to offer.

Susan R. Finneran and Thomas G. Nicholson, the principals of Finneran & Nicholson, are excited about O’Connor Ives joining the practice. “We are thrilled to have Katy join our team. We are celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> year in practice, and Katy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the firm. She will prove to be a valuable asset in our efforts to grow and provide the best possible service to our clients,” said Attorney Nicholson.

Finneran & Nicholson focuses on business law for businesses of all sizes, including business formation, mergers and acquisitions, employment, trademarks, copyrights, licensing, real estate, litigation of commercial disputes, disputes between business owners, and employment related and probate disputes. The firm also provides highly specialized legal counsel on a wide range of real estate (residential and commercial real estate and permitting), probate and other matters encountered by businesses, individuals and families.

Kathleen O’Connor Ives was elected to the Massachusetts State Senate in 2012, represented the First Essex District communities of Amesbury, Haverhill, Merrimac, Methuen, Newburyport, North Andover precincts 1-4 and Salisbury for six years. After three terms in the Legislature, she decided not to seek re-election in 2018 and served in the State Senate until January 2019. Prior to representing the First Essex District, O’Connor Ives served on the Newburyport City Council as a Councillor at-Large for five years. A member of the Massachusetts Bar, she graduated from Pace Law School in 2007, earning her J.D. and Certificate in Environmental Law. O’Connor Ives can be reached at Finneran & Nicholson at (978) 462-1514.