Bar Talk – March 15, 2021

• Guest: Chief Judge Eric Mehnert, Penobscot Tribal Nation

• Executive/Emergency Orders/Judicial Branch
  – Mar 1: SJC posted civil rules amendments for public comment; comments are due by 4pm on Mar 15 (TODAY)
  – Reduced public hours at courthouses due to COVID-19 & other court closings
  – Court administrative week: Mar 29 – Apr 2

• MSBA business updates
  – MSBA Summer Bar Conference (Jun 23-25) – still considering in-person vs. virtual options
  – Board seeks nominations for Ballou Award; nominations due by Apr 16
  – In-person events suspension for MSBA entities extended through May 25
  – Judicial evaluations now open through Mar 31
  – MSBA Law Day contest now open through Apr 1: Advancing the Rule of Law Now
  – Upcoming guests: Chief Judge Jed French on Mar 22; Chief Justice Robert Mullen on Mar 29; Bar Counsel Julia Sheridan on Apr 5

• Practice tip from Carmen Gillett: bill write-off for deserving clients

• Wellness tip: don’t be afraid to seek help (counselor, friends, family, colleagues)

• Gratitude: amazing technology and the Perseverance Mars Rover

• Questions/requests: aarmstrong@mainebar.org