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MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION AND OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE CELEBRATE AN EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

STURBRIDGE, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association House of Delegates (HOD) traveled to Old Sturbridge Village yesterday for a special ribbon cutting ceremony and its November HOD meeting. MBA President Mark Mason and Old Sturbridge Village Board of Trustees Vice Chair Michael Brockelman led the brief ceremony culminating a partnership in refurbishing the village's authentic 1796 law office exhibit.

The exhibit and other programming support the MBA's "educating for democracy" efforts. Such activity aims to raise awareness of the crucial role of the legal system in society, while perhaps encouraging young people to pursue a career in law.

Old Sturbridge Village representatives joined the MBA delegation at the brief ceremony and then MBA delegates assembled in the village's meeting house to conduct their November meeting.

Incorporated in 1911, the Massachusetts Bar Association is a non-profit organization that serves the legal profession and the public by promoting the administration of justice, legal education, professional excellence and respect for the law. The MBA represents a diverse group of attorneys, judges and legal professionals across the commonwealth.

Since 1946, Old Sturbridge Village – a nonprofit educational history museum and learning resource – has welcomed nearly three million visitors. The centerpiece of the museum is a re-created rural New England town of the 1830s set on 240 acres of historical landscape that encompasses a Center Village, Mills Area, Countryside, and Farms. Performances, programs, activities, and both staffed and self-guided exhibits and walking trails are open to the public daily (the Village is closed on most Mondays).

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Photo caption: Leading the Nov. 15 ribbon cutting ceremony are, from left, Paul Wykes, executive vice president of Old Sturbridge Village; Worcester attorney Michael Brockelman, vice chair of the Old Sturbridge Village Board of Trustees; Springfield attorney Mark Mason, MBA president; and Boston attorney Warren Fitzgerald, MBA past president.