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WESTWOOD RESIDENT, BOSTON ATTORNEY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION

Attorney David W. White Jr. has been elected president for the Massachusetts Bar Association for the 2007-08 year, beginning on Sept. 1. White is a civil litigator and principal in the firm of Breakstone, White & Gluck PC in Boston. He resides in Westwood.

During his term, White plans to focus on criminal sentencing reform and environmental issues. "We need to make the practice of law more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. I am confident that lawyers can become leaders in the fight against global warming and resource depletion," he said, adding, "There are serious problems with criminal sentencing in Massachusetts. Prison populations are growing, but crime is increasing. The system needs to be improved to reduce prison costs, to better rehabilitate prisoners, to rebuild families and communities, and at the same time reduce crime."

White joined the MBA in 1986 and has been an active leader for many years. He is a former chair of the Civil Litigation Section and the Law Practice Management Section. White also served on the Joint Bar Committee and the Governance Task Force and co-chaired the Anniversary Fee Task Force. He is a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education seminars and contributor to legal publications.

White specializes in personal injury, insurance company bad faith, medical malpractice and professional liability litigation. A recipient of the 2004 *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* Lawyer of the Year Award, White was also chosen as a "Super Lawyer" in the field of plaintiff's personal injury law by *Boston* magazine in 2004, 2005 and 2006, and was one of Massachusetts Top 100 Lawyers in 2005 and 2006. He obtained his bachelor's degree in environmental studies from the University of Vermont in 1978 and earned his law degree from Northeastern University School of Law in 1984.

White has served on the Massachusetts Task Force on Human Subject Research, which exposed radioactive food experiments on children at the Fernald State School, and on the Fernald State School Human Rights Committee. In his community of Westwood, White advocates for and participates in land preservation projects. He is the founder of the non-profit corporation Westwood Land Trust, Inc., and has chaired the town's Organization for the Preservation of the Environment and Nature (OPEN).

Alongside White, the other 2007-08 MBA officers include: Edward W. McIntyre, president-elect, Clinton; Denise Squillante, vice president, Fall River; Robert F. Lucas, vice president, Wakefield; Valerie A. Yarashus, treasurer, Boston; and Robert L. Holloway, secretary, Peabody.

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.