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HOLLISTON RESIDENT, BOSTON ATTORNEY ELECTED TREASURER OF MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION

Holliston resident and Boston attorney Valerie A. Yarashus has been elected treasurer of the Massachusetts Bar Association for the 2007-08 year, beginning on Sept. 1. Yarashus is a principal in the firm of Sugarman & Sugarman PC, where she concentrates in plaintiff's trial practice and a wide variety of other general liability cases.

An active leader in the MBA, Yarashus served two terms as vice president. Yarashus spearheaded the MBATask Force on Diversity in 2005-06 and continues to chair this committee that works to increase diversity in the law profession and encourage young, minority students to consider legal careers. She has also been the chair of the Health Law Section and served on the Civil Litigation Section Council from 1994 to 1997. In addition, she is a frequent speaker and writer for continuing legal education.

In 1997, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* named Yarashus one of the "Rising Stars" in the legal profession, and in September 2006, she was inducted into the *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* Up-and-Coming Lawyers Hall of Fame. In 2005 and 2006, she was recognized by *Boston* magazine, in conjunction with *Law and Politics*, as one of the top 50 female attorneys in Massachusetts and as a "Super Lawyer" in the area of personal injury law. Yarashus has been listed in the 2004-2007 editions of *Best Lawyers in America* and is the editor of MCLE's *Massachusetts Personal Injury Sourcebook*. She obtained her bachelor's degree from George Washington University in 1987 and earned her law degree from Harvard Law School in 1990.

Yarashus lives in Holliston with her husband and their four children.

Alongside Yarashus, the other 2007-08 MBA officers include: David W. White Jr., president-elect, Boston; 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.