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CIVIL GIDEON SYMPOSIUM TO EXPLORE WAYS OF PROVIDING MORE CIVIL LEGAL AID TO THE POOR

WHAT: The Civil Gideon Symposium co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Boston Bar Association.

WHO: Leaders in the Massachusetts legal community will explore issues and opportunities involved in expanding the right to counsel to meet the civil legal needs of the poor. MBA President David W. White Jr. and BBA President Anthony M. Doniger will co-host the event. Opening remarks will be given by David Hall, a professor at the Northeastern University School of Law and a member of the board of directors at Legal Services Corporation, Boston.

- Hon. Herbert P. Wilkins, retired chief justice, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and chair of the Access to Justice Commission, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court - *Gaps in Access to Justice in Massachusetts Today*
- Michael Dsida, deputy chief counsel, Children and Family Law Program, Committee for Public Counsel Services, Boston and professor Russell Engler, New England School of Law, Boston - *What Exists in Massachusetts Today and How Do We Move Forward: Potential Avenues to Pursue Given the Massachusetts Landscape*

WHERE: **Massachusetts Bar Association**
20 West St., Boston

WHEN: **Thursday, Oct. 4**
2-5 p.m.

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.