

# MBA NEWS

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY:**

### **FITCHBURG ATTORNEY, WALPOLE RESIDENT TO RECEIVE MBA GOLD MEDAL AWARD FOR SUPPORTING JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE**

**WHAT:** The Massachusetts Bar Association will present its highest honor, the Gold Medal Award, to a Fitchburg lawyer and Walpole resident in recognition of his consistent, strong advocacy for the judiciary and ongoing defense of judicial independence in Massachusetts.

**WHO:** Edward P. Ryan Jr. is a past president of the MBA, chair of the MBA Committee on Judicial Independence and a member of the association's Criminal Justice Section Council. MBA President David W. White Jr. nominated Ryan, a current defense attorney and former assistant district attorney in Worcester County.

**WHERE:** **Boston Harbor Hotel**  
**70 Rowes Wharf, Boston**

**WHEN:** **MBA President's Reception**  
**Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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