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LOCAL MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYERS TO OFFER FREE LEGAL ADVICE TO HUNDREDS OCT. 9

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Interested residents of Western Massachusetts will receive free legal advice on Tuesday, Oct. 9 through the **Massachusetts Bar Association's** semiannual **Dial-A-Lawyer call-in program**.

Volunteer lawyers from the Massachusetts Bar Association will field phone calls from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. from residents of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties who have legal concerns or problems. The legal advice is provided at no charge as a public service of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

The Dial-A-Lawyer phone number is **(413) 782-1659**. If a caller gets a busy signal, they are asked to hang up and try again. Normal telephone charges will apply. (**EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:** this number is only active from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 9.)

The Massachusetts Bar Association's Dial-A-Lawyer program is co-sponsored by Western New England College School of Law, *The Republican*, *El Pueblo Latino* and the Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys.

During previous Dial-A-Lawyer programs, attorneys answered questions on a wide range of legal questions, including issues involving workers' compensation, divorce, estate issues, landlord disputes, health and Medicare problems, criminal matters, discrimination and adoption.

"The Massachusetts Bar Association's Dial-A-Lawyer program is a wonderful opportunity for individuals to ask legal questions of competent practitioners for free. I encourage those with legal questions to take advantage of this valuable service," said program participant and MBA immediate Past President Mark D Mason, a Springfield resident and attorney who practices at Cooley, Shrair PC.

Mason adds, "This program is a great resource for the community. Attorneys with a variety of expertise are ready to offer advice to anyone who needs it. Many times a brief conversation with a lawyer is all that's needed to start solving a problem."

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.