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## **LOCAL MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYERS TO OFFER FREE LEGAL ADVICE TO HUNDREDS MAY 21**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Interested residents of Western Massachusetts can receive free legal advice on Wednesday, May 21 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 MBA.

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 May 21.)

The MBA'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 planning, landlord disputes, health and Medicare problems, criminal matters, discrimination and adoption.

"Western Massachusetts residents with legal questions, no matter how large or small, are encouraged to reach out to the volunteer lawyers who staff the Massachusetts Bar Association's Dial-A-Lawyer program," said program participant and MBA immediate Past President Mark D Mason, a Springfield resident and attorney who practices at Cooley, Shrair PC. "Attorneys with a wide range of legal expertise are available to handle any legal concern with anonymity and concern."

"This free program is a great resource for the local community. It provides residents with a quick and easy way to get answers to their legal questions," Mason added.

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