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## **Massachusetts Bar Association's new officers to begin terms Sept. 1**

The Massachusetts Bar Association's slate of officers for the 2008-09 term has officially been set. Edward W. McIntyre, the 2007-08 president-elect, automatically succeeds to the office of president on Sept. 1.

Here is a list of the officers and some of their achievements:

### **Edward W. McIntyre, President**

McIntyre is a solo practitioner concentrating in civil litigation in state and federal court. He concentrates his practice in the areas of spinal cord and brain injury law. McIntyre is a U.S. Army veteran. A longtime MBA volunteer, he has been a member of the House of Delegates since 1998, sat on the MBA President's Task Force on Judicial Evaluations and the MBA's ABA Nominating Committee. McIntyre has served two terms as MBA vice president and one term as secretary. He also fulfilled one-year appointments as vice-chair and chair of the Judicial Administration Section Council. McIntyre has chaired the MBA's Judicial Performance Evaluation Standing Committee since 2004, is a former recipient of the MBA's Community Service Award and is a Massachusetts Bar Foundation fellow and trustee. He lives and practices in Clinton, where he has hosted a local television program since 1994 and is a former president of the Wachusett Chamber of Commerce.

### **Valerie A. Yarashus, President-elect**

Yarashus is a founding partner of Yarashus, Wagner, Cook, Freiburger & Washienko LLC in Boston, where she concentrates in plaintiff's trial practice and a wide variety of other general liability cases. Yarashus spearheaded the MBA Task Force on Diversity in 2005, and co-chairs the MBA's recently established monthly Leadership Roundtables. In 1997, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* named Yarashus one of the "Rising Stars" in the legal profession. In 2006, she was inducted into the *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* Up-and-Coming Lawyers Hall of Fame. Yarashus is a past president of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys. She has been listed in every edition of *Best Lawyers in America* since 2004. Yarashus has also been listed by Boston Magazine's "Best of Boston" as a "Super Lawyer" in the field of personal injury every year since 2004, and as one of the top 50 female attorneys in Massachusetts (including every practice area) every year since 2005. She lives in Holliston.

### **Robert L. Holloway, Vice President**

Holloway is a shareholder and president of MacLean, Holloway, Doherty, Ardoff & Morse PC in Peabody. Holloway is a long-term member of the MBA's Ethics Committee, a member and past chair

of the MBA's Civil Litigation Section Council and a former regional delegate to the MBA House of Delegates. In addition, Holloway received the MBA's Community Service Award in 1993 and has served on the Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Nominations for six years. He is also a regular panelist for continuing legal education programs. Holloway is an emeritus member of the Board of Editors of *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, having served on that board since 1981. He has been recognized by Boston Magazine as a "Super Lawyer" in the area of business litigation. He is also a past president of the Essex County Bar Association. Holloway lives in Topsfield, where he has served on the Board of Health and as an elected member of the Masconomet Regional School Committee.

**Denise Squillante, Treasurer**

Squillante is a solo practitioner in Fall River who concentrates in family law, corporate law, injury and estates and also provides business and legal consulting services to corporations. Long active in the MBA's Family Law Section Council and its committees, Squillante has sat on the MBA's Presidential Task Force on Terrorism, the Amicus Committee and the Joint Bar Committee. She is a former recipient of the MBA's Pro Bono Publico Award, a longtime member of the House of Delegates and a Massachusetts Bar Foundation Fellow. Squillante helped establish the MBA's General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section and leads the MBA's efforts to assist lawyers who are entering or transitioning back into the practice of law. She previously served one term as MBA secretary and two terms as vice president. In addition, Squillante has been elected as the Massachusetts delegate to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates for the 2008-09 year, beginning Sept. 1.

**Douglas K. Sheff, Secretary**

Sheff is senior partner at Sheff Law Offices in Boston, where he specializes in all aspects of personal injury law and is considered an expert in brain injury law. A past president of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, Sheff has been appointed Trustee of the National College of Advocacy, which provides education and training for trial lawyers across the country. He is also a director of the Belli Society, a group of outstanding trial attorneys. A five-time recipient of the American Association for Justice's Wiedemann Wysocki Award. Sheff has also served as chair of the AAJ's Council of Presidents. He was elected by his peers nationally to chair the Association of Trial Lawyers of America's 100 State Delegates. Sheff lives in the North End neighborhood of Boston.

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