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## **EXCELLENCE IN LAW EVENT HONORS MASSACHUSETTS LEGAL PROFESSIONS'S FINEST**

*MASSACHUSETTS LAWYERS WEEKLY* AND MASSACHUSETTS BAR  
ASSOCIATION TO HOST FEB. 5 CELEBRATION

BOSTON, Mass. —In an event that has become the Academy Awards of the local legal world, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* and the Massachusetts Bar Association will salute a star-studded roster of lawyers and judges at the annual Excellence in the Law celebration at the Westin Waterfront in Boston on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The 11 Lawyers of the Year honored at the event include (see full list below):

- **Attorney General Martha Coakley**, for her handling of Big Dig cases;
- **Andy Tarsy**, whose bold stances as head of the Anti-Defamation League led to his dismissal, and rehiring;
- **Juliane Balliro**, whose representation of falsely-imprisoned Peter Limone led to a stunning verdict of more than \$100 million against the U.S. government;
- **Christine Collins**, who handled the case of a woman who had been denied extra time on her medical boards to take lactation breaks; and
- **Michael Mone**, whose high-profile clients included ex-Patriots coach Charlie Weis, and embattled Superior Court Judge Ernest Murphy.

The event will also recognize the Daniel F. Toomey Excellence in the Judiciary Awardee. This year, **Chief Justice of the District Court Lynda M. Connolly** will receive this high honor. In addition, the Excellence in the Legal Journalism Award will be bestowed to **Cynthia Simison, managing editor of the *Springfield Republican*.**

The full list of honorees:

**The Daniel F. Toomey Excellence In Judiciary Award**  
Hon. Lynda M. Connolly, Chief Justice, District Court

**Excellence In Legal Journalism Award**

Cynthia Simison

Managing Editor, the *Springfield Republican*

***Lawyers Weekly’s Lawyers of the Year 2007***

Juliane Balliro, Wolf Block, Boston

Martha Coakley, Attorney General, Boston

Christine S. Collins, Bowditch & Dewey, Worcester

Nancy J. Kelly, Greater Boston Legal Services’ Immigration Unit, Boston

John Willshire-Carrera, Greater Boston Legal Services’ Immigration Unit, Boston

Peter B. Krup, Lurie & Krupp, Boston

David E. Meier, Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office, Boston

Michael E. Mone, Esdaile, Barrett & Esdaile, Boston

Carlene A. Pennell, Rubin & Rudman, Boston

Andrew H. Tarsy, Anti-Defamation League, Boston

John M. Thompson, Thompson & Thompson, Springfield

***Lawyers Weekly’s Diversity Heroes***

Harry T. Daniels, Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr LLP, Boston

Hon. Fernande R.V. Duffly, Associate Justice, Appeals Court

Mickey E. Harris, Law Offices Of Mickey E. Harris, Springfield

Hon. Charles R. Johnson, Chief Justice, Boston Municipal Court

Bernadette Stark, Western Mass. Legal Services, Northampton

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