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Local Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyers to Offer Free Legal Advice Exclusively to Veterans on April 9

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association is proud to announce a supplement to its monthly Dial-A-Lawyer programs: a session dedicated solely to veterans' legal questions. The free program will run on Wednesday, April 9 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

“The MBA is proud to add this new service to its wide array of programming already offered to the public across the state,” Executive Director Marilyn J. Wellington said. “Veterans’ legal needs are extensive and diverse, and we are lucky to have a talented group of committed attorneys to provide complimentary legal advice to veterans across the commonwealth.”

The Veterans Dial-A-Lawyer is provided at no charge as a public service of the MBA. Attorneys participating in the program attended a free training last fall sponsored by the MBA and U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management. Ronald B. Abrams and Louis J. George, both of the National Veterans Legal Services Program in Washington, D.C., led the training.

Nearly half a million veterans live in Massachusetts, many of whom have pressing legal questions concerning benefits, divorce, child support, employment and landlord/tenant issues.

“Many men and women who return home from serving our country in the U.S. military have complex or unique legal issues that require professional assistance. These issues include access to their earned benefits, employment questions, personal financial problems and other matters. For many veterans, the costs associated with hiring a lawyer to answer their questions are not feasible,” said Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services Secretary Thomas Kelley.

“The Dial-A-Lawyer program from the MBA offers free legal advice and is a valuable resource for veterans of all ages and conflicts. On behalf of the commonwealth. I applaud the Massachusetts legal community for their commitment to our veterans and nation by offering this resource,” Kelley said.

The Dial-A-Lawyer phone number is **617-338-0610**. 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 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on April 9.)**

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