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Local Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyers to Offer Free Legal Advice Exclusively to Veterans on October 16

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association is proud to host a supplement to its Dial-A-Lawyer programming: a session dedicated solely to veterans' legal questions. The free Veterans Dial-A-Lawyer program, a part of the MBA's Serving Our Veterans in the Law initiative, will take place on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"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," Executive Director Marilyn J. Wellington said.

The Veterans Dial-A-Lawyer is provided at no charge as a public service of the MBA with the financial support of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the philanthropic partner of the MBA. The MBA acknowledges its partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services and thanks them for their important role in the success of the program.

The MBA's Serving Our Veterans in the Law initiative also includes a weekly call-in service for veterans struggling with state and federal benefit appeals. Qualified veterans will be matched up with attorneys who agree to represent their case free of charge.

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.

"I was very pleased to hear that the MBA would be holding the Dial-A-Lawyer program again for veterans in the commonwealth. The previous program received over 100 calls from veterans throughout the state, proof that this is a necessary and effective program," said Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services Secretary Thomas Kelley. "Veterans were able to receive assistance they otherwise would not have been able to, and that is a great accomplishment for the MBA. I thank them on behalf of the commonwealth's Veterans."

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 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 16.)**

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.

The Massachusetts Bar Foundation is the Commonwealth's premiere legal charity. Founded in 1964, the MBF is the philanthropic partner of the Massachusetts Bar Association. Through its grantmaking and charitable activities, the MBF works to increase access to justice for all Massachusetts citizens.