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MBA Law Practice Management Section co-Chair Alan J. Klevan receives national recognition

BOSTON, Mass. —The General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division of the American Bar Association recognized Wellesley attorney and resident Alan J. Klevan with its Solo and Small Firm Trainer Award on Aug. 1 during its spring meeting at the Swissotel Hotel in Chicago.

Klevan, co-chair of the Massachusetts Bar Association's Law Practice Management Section, will receive the Solo and Small Firm Trainer Award for his significant contribution to educating lawyers and law students about the opportunities of a solo or small firm practice.

Klevan, whose practice areas include workers' compensation, general negligence and music law, also counsels sole practitioners and law firms on their law practice management needs. Klevan, managing partner of Klevan & Klevan LLP in Wellesley, has led several initiatives designed to help lawyers understand the many issues involved in embarking on a solo career.

One of his most successful programs for the MBA, "Going Small or Solo...Now What?" brings information to law school students and attorneys who are considering a solo career. Klevan has presented the program at six law schools in Massachusetts, reaching more than 400 students and lawyers.

The program covers such critical issues for solo or small-firm practitioners as risk management insurance, managing conflicts, handling client funds, cost-efficient and effective marketing, finding a mentor and identifying the ideal technologies for a law practice, among others.

"The dedication that Alan Klevan has shown in helping lawyers establish solo or small-firm practices exemplifies the best of the legal profession," said Robert A. Zupkus, chair of the GP|Solo Division. "Alan's free program delivers crucial information and is especially important as lawyers look for alternatives to practice in large firms."

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