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North End resident and Boston attorney to serve as vice president of the Massachusetts Bar Association

BOSTON, Mass. — North End resident and Boston attorney Douglas K. Sheff has been elected vice president of the Massachusetts Bar Association for the 2009-10 year, beginning on Sept. 1. A senior partner at Sheff Law Offices, Sheff is a nationally renowned brain injury litigation expert and specializes in all aspects of personal 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 superior education and training for trial lawyers across the United States. Sheff is also a director of the Belli Society, an international group of distinguished trial attorneys and he has been awarded the ORT Award for integrity in the law.

A five-time recipient of the American Association for Justice's Wiedemann Wysocki Award, Sheff serves on the AAJ's Board of Governors, its Leaders Forum and its Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group. In addition, Sheff has been awarded the AAJ's New Generation Award and has been elected by his peers nationally to chair the AAJ's 100 State Delegates. Sheff also served as chair to the AAJ's Council of Presidents, representing 50,000 attorneys nationwide.

A Boston Magazine "Super Lawyer," Sheff has also been recognized in Lifesavers, for preventing injury through aggressive representation of victims of defective products. Sheff is a Massachusetts Bar Foundation fellow and a member of Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, which supports consumer rights nationwide.

Sheff received his B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1980 and went on to earn his law degree from Boston College Law School in 1984.

Alongside Sheff, the other 2009-10 MBA officers include: Valerie A. Yarashus, president, Boston; Denise Squillante, president-elect, Fall River; Richard P. Campbell, vice president, Boston; Robert L. Holloway Jr., treasurer, Peabody; and Jeffrey N. Catalano, secretary, Boston.

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.