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Cambridge and Framingham attorneys appointed co-chairs of Massachusetts Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section

Cambridge attorney Gloria Tan and Framingham attorney Michael L. Fabbri have been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Valerie A. Yarashus as co-chairs of the association's Criminal Justice Section, for the 2009-10 year. Their appointments began Sept. 1.

The MBA's Criminal Justice Section serves to provide a forum for all criminal practitioners – defense and prosecution – to exchange ideas, experiences and positions resulting in well-balanced education programs and legislative review.

Tan, a Newton resident, is a clinical instructor at Harvard Law School's Criminal Justice Institute. Previously she was a public defender staff attorney at the Committee for Public Counsel Services in both the Boston Trial Unit and the Youth Advocacy Project. Tan also lectures and teaches Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education courses and has served as a panelist at juvenile law conferences. She also serves as a member of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and on the Board of Directors of the Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts.

Fabbri, an Ashland resident, is an assistant district attorney with Middlesex County District Attorney's Office and has served that office for more than 20 years. Currently, he is serving as the office's Framingham regional supervisor. His other positions there have included chief of the Special Investigations Unit and deputy chief of the Appeals and Training Bureau. He has also worked at the Attorney General's Office in Boston as an assistant attorney general and served as deputy chief of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Prior to that, he practiced law at Bikofsky, Walker & Tuttle in Framingham.

The MBA's 17 sections and Young Lawyers Division provide lawyers with up-to-date information on specific areas of law, monitor law-related legislation, sponsor professional education programs and provide information on the law for the general public.

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