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Boston attorneys appointed co-chairs of Massachusetts Bar Association's General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section

Boston attorneys John B. DiSciullo and Peter T. Elikann have been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Valerie A. Yarashus as co-chairs of the association's General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section, for the 2009-10 year. Their appointments began Sept. 1.

The MBA's General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section assists members by studying the needs and concerns of solo, small firm practitioners; providing a forum and clearinghouse for the exchange and dissemination of ideas and information; motivating and assisting the MBA to address the section's needs and concerns; and encouraging, identifying and promoting programs, benefits and services of interest to solo and small firm practitioners.

DiSciullo, a Newton resident, is a partner at Mitchell & DeSimone in Boston, where he practices civil litigation in areas including plaintiff's personal injury, insurance defense, insurance coverage, business disputes and construction defects. He has been recognized in *Boston Magazine* as a Massachusetts Rising Star and Massachusetts Super Lawyer every year since 2005.

Elikann, a resident of Boston's Beacon Hill, is an author, Boston-based criminal defense attorney and regular expert legal commentator on the Court TV and other networks. He is a former television news reporter whose previous books are *Superpredators: The Demonization of Our Children by the Law* (Perseus, 1999) and *The Tough On Crime Myth* (Plenum, 1996). A longtime MBA member, Elikann is a former chair of the Criminal Justice Section Council. He has been recognized in *Boston Magazine* as a Massachusetts and New England Super Lawyer.

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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