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Boston and Salem attorneys appointed co-chairs of Massachusetts Bar Association's Immigration Law Section

Salem attorney Marisa A. DeFranco and Boston attorney Elizabeth Goss have been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Valerie A. Yarashus as chairs of the association's Immigration Law Section, for the 2009-10 year. Their appointments began Sept. 1.

The MBA's Immigration Law Section was added as a new section in 2008. The section provides members with an opportunity to respond to the needs of a growing client base in the immigration field by addressing concerns and providing education for both practicing immigration attorneys and attorneys practicing in other areas who are only rarely confronted with immigration issues.

DeFranco practices at The Law Office of Marisa DeFranco in Salem. She specializes in business-based immigration, family immigration, as well as the representation of children in the foster care system. DeFranco has been a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association since 1998, and has served as a director on the National Board of Governors and as president of the New England Chapter, 2005 - 2006. DeFranco is also a State Commissioner on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, also serving as Treasurer.

Goss, a resident of Boston's South End, practices at Tocci Goss & Lee PC in Boston. She specializes in the representation of physicians, researchers, trainees and students in the higher education and health care fields securing their temporary and permanent visas. She is nationally recognized for her expertise in representing professors, scientists, and artists under the extraordinary ability, outstanding researcher, and national interest waiver immigrant visa categories. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the Association of International Educators.

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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