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## **Boston and Swampscott attorneys appointed co-chairs of Massachusetts Bar Association's Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section**

Boston attorney Laurence M. Johnson and Swampscott attorney Steven L. Wollman have been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Valerie A. Yarashus as the co-chairs of the association's Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section for the 2009-10 year. Their terms began Sept. 1.

The MBA's Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section advocates for the protection of individual rights, with an emphasis on those who are under-represented in the judicial system.

Johnson is a shareholder at Davis, Malm & D'Agostine PC in Boston, where he practices in the area of trials and appeals of complex business litigation. He has been named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer every year between 2004 and 2008. Johnson is president, trustee, and an Oliver Wendell Holmes life fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the philanthropic entity of the MBA. He is also a member of both the Massachusetts IOLTA Committee and Supreme Judicial Court Law Clerks' Society and, for over 30 years, a director of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Johnson is a member of the Boston Bar Association and American Bar Association as well as a life member of the American Law Institute and an elected Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He lives in Randolph with his wife, Margie Serrano.

Wollman is a partner at Davids & Wollman in Swampscott, where he concentrates his practice in domestic relations and cases with the Department of Children and Families. He has served on the MBA's House of Delegates, Executive Management Board and Community Services Committee. The first Massachusetts Bar Foundation Fellow to become an Oliver Wendell Holmes Fellow, Wollman's work within the foundation has also earned him the MBF's Great Friend of Justice Award and the Ronan Award for Jurisprudence from the Essex County Bar Association. He lives with his wife of over 20 years, Nora Wollman, in Peabody, where he is an avid fisherman.

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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