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Newton and Melrose attorneys appointed co-chairs of Massachusetts Bar Association's Juvenile & Child Welfare Section

Newton attorney Peter A. Hahn and Melrose attorney Martha Rush O'Mara have been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Valerie A. Yarashus as co-chairs of the association's Juvenile & Child Welfare Section, for the 2009-10 year. Their terms began Sept. 1.

The MBA's Juvenile & Child Welfare Law Section was added as a new section in 2008. The section enables practitioners who represent clients in abuse and neglect, delinquency, youthful offender and status offender cases to address the variety of issues that affect children and families.

Hahn, a Cambridge resident, practices at Hilton, Sindelar & Hahn in Newton, where he advocates for families and children in many practice areas, including juvenile delinquency and CHINS cases, Department of Children and Families investigations and Fair Hearings, student discipline and special education matters, and criminal cases for young adults and people with disabilities. Hahn previously served on both the MBA's Criminal Justice Section Council and the Juvenile Justice Practice Group. He is a former middle and high school teacher.

Rush O'Mara, a Melrose resident, practices at the Law Office of Martha Rush O'Mara in the area of children's law in the Boston Juvenile Court and the Probate and Family Court. An attorney for nearly 20 years, Rush O'Mara serves as a regional delegate in the MBA House of Delegates for Middlesex County. She also sits on the MBA's Executive Management Board, Governance Committee and Membership Committee. Rush O'Mara is chair of the Board of Directors of the Mass. Legal Assistance Corp and is serving her second term on the Massachusetts Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Committee.

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.

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.