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Boston attorneys appointed co-chairs of Massachusetts Bar Association's Labor & Employment Section

Boston attorneys Thomas J. Gallitano and Dahlia C. Rudavsky have been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Valerie A. Yarashus as co-chairs of the association's Labor & Employment Section, for the 2009-10 year. Their terms began Sept. 1.

The MBA's Labor & Employment Law Section is designed to bring together representatives of employees, employers, labor organizations, the neutral sector, state and federal agencies, arbitrators and mediators to provide a forum for all segments of the labor and employment bar.

Gallitano is a partner at Conn Kavanaugh Rosenthal Peisch & Ford LLP in Boston, where he has a diverse civil and commercial litigation practice concentrating in the areas of employment law, professional liability and business litigation. He serves as co-chair of the firm's Employment Law Practice Group and on the firm's Management Committee. Gallitano was recognized in 2004, 2005 and 2006 by Boston magazine as a Massachusetts Super Lawyer. In 2007 and 2008 he was recognized as a Top 100 Super Lawyer in both Massachusetts and New England in the areas of employment and business litigation. In 2007, Gallitano was appointed by Governor Deval Patrick to serve as Chair of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) Advisory Board. He is also a past hearing officer for the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers. Gallitano lives in Brookline, where he is a member of Town Meeting and coaches youth soccer.

Rudavsky is a partner in the Boston firm of Messing, Rudavsky & Weliky PC, where she concentrates her practice on the representation of individual employees and unions, with an emphasis on discrimination cases. She was named one of Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's "Lawyers of the Year" for 1999, in 2002 was recognized by Boston magazine in its "Best of Boston" list of employment law attorneys, and in 2005 was a Massachusetts Super Lawyer and one of the Top 50 Female Super Lawyers identified by Boston magazine. She has been named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer every year since. Rudavsky is the past chair of the Massachusetts Employment Lawyers Association's MCAD/EEOC Committee, and is a former member of the steering committee of the AFL-CIO Lawyers Coordinating Committee. She has served as lecturer in law at Harvard Law School, where she taught labor law. She lives in Newton.

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.