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Franklin and Wakefield attorneys appointed co-chairs of Massachusetts Bar Association's Probate Law Section

Franklin attorney John G. Dugan and Wakefield attorney Janice C. Nigro have been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Valerie A. Yarashus as co-chairs of the association's Probate Law Section for the 2000-10 year. They began their terms Sept. 1.

The MBA's Probate Law Section concentrates on legal and practical issues in the areas of estate planning, elder law and probate administration and litigation. Section members are involved in Probate Court procedures; shaping legislation and practice methods that update and improve practice areas.

Dugan is a partner at Doherty, Ciechanowski, Dugan & Cannon PC in Franklin, where he concentrates his practice on trusts and estates, probate practice and family law. He is a former vice president of the MBA and is a past president of both the Bar Association of Norfolk County and the Western Norfolk County Bar Association. In 1999, he was awarded the Outstanding Service Award by South Middlesex Legal Services Inc. He lives in Millis.

Nigro is a partner at Nigro, Pettepit & Lucas LLP in Wakefield, where she practices in the areas of probate administration and litigation, trust litigation, estate planning and elder law. She is a member of the Essex County Bar Association, First District Eastern Middlesex Bar Association, Newburyport Bar Association, Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Massachusetts National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Nigro is board member of The Angel Fund, a non-profit organization with goals of raising research funds and awareness for ALS, and a past board member of Christ Church Nursery School in Hamilton. She lives in Hamilton.

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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