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Wellesley and Boston attorneys appointed co-chairs of Massachusetts Bar Association's Property Law Section

Wellesley attorney Elizabeth J. Barton and Boston attorney Laurel Siegel have been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Valerie A. Yarashus as co-chairs of the association's Property Law Section, for the 2009-10 year. Their appointments began Sept. 1.

The MBA's Property Law Section monitors and comments on legislation, litigation and real property practice trends affecting attorneys who deal with commercial, residential, landlord/tenant, conveyance and environmental concerns.

Barton, a resident of Natick, is a title insurance underwriter with CATIC in its Eastern Massachusetts office. Before joining CATIC, Barton conducted title examinations and managed other examiners for Attorneys Title Services in Wellesley and at the Suffolk District Registry of Deeds. Following her work as an underwriter for Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company, she practiced law with a small commercial firm in Andover. Barton lectures for the MBA, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education and the Real Estate Bar Association. Barton is also a member of the Middlesex County Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association, REBA and the Merrimac Valley Bar Association.

Laurel H. Siegel has practiced commercial and residential real estate law for 15 years. Prior to starting her solo practice in 2008, Siegel was a principal at Siegel, Wagner & Swartz LLC in Boston, where she was the managing member of the real estate department. Previously, Siegel practiced at Kotin, Crabtree & Strong LLC. Siegel was one of the real estate "Rising Stars" in *Law & Politics* magazine's Super Lawyers listings in 2006 and 2007. Siegel is a member of REBA and serves on its legislative committee. The Medford resident is on the Board of Directors of the Medford Square Market, a member of the Medford Chamber of Commerce and involved with the Medford Green Line Neighborhood Alliance.

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