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Worcester and Framingham attorneys appointed co-chairs of Massachusetts Bar Association's Public Law Section

Worcester attorney Margaret J. Hurley and Framingham attorney Barbara J. Saint Andre have been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Valerie A. Yarashus as co-chairs of the association's Public Law Section, for the 2009-10 year. Their appointments began Sept. 1.

The MBA's Public Law Section serves as a forum for discussion and education concerning practice as a government lawyer and as a private attorney representing, dealing with, or practicing before government agencies.

Hurley is chief of the Attorney General's Central Massachusetts Regional Office and director of the Attorney General's Municipal Law Unit in Worcester. Previously, She worked in private practice in Boston and Worcester representing various cities and towns. Hurley serves on the Executive Committees of the City Solicitor and Town Counsel Association and the Worcester County Bar Association. She is a Fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation and a Hearing Committee member of the Board of Bar Overseers. The Grafton resident has served on the Planning Board and Town Administrator Screening Committee.

Barbara J. Saint Andre is a principal of Petrini & Associates PC in Framingham, where she concentrates on municipal and land use law and litigation. Previously, she served as a principal at Kopelman and Paige PC in Boston in the area of municipal law, practiced general law at Murphy, Lamere and Murphy in Braintree and served one year as a Massachusetts Superior Court law clerk. Saint Andre is a member of the Real Estate Bar Association and the City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association.

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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