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Seasoned officer slate set to lead MBA through centennial year

The Massachusetts Bar Association's slate of officers for the 2010-11 term has officially been set. Denise Squillante, the 2009-10 president-elect, automatically succeeds to the office of president on Sept. 1.

In honor of its 100th anniversary, the MBA will be celebrating a century of service to the public, the profession and the rule of law throughout its 2010-11 association year.

Here is a list of the officers and some of their achievements:

Denise Squillante, President

Squillante began as a solo practitioner in Fall River more than 30 years ago. Squillante's practice has grown into a small firm concentrating in family law, corporate law, injury and estates and providing business and legal consulting services to corporations. Long active in the MBA's Family Law Section and its associated committees, she has lent her energy to the MBA's Presidential Task Force on Terrorism, and the Amicus and the Joint Bar committees. A former recipient of the MBA's Pro Bono Publico Award, Squillante is a longtime member of the House of Delegates and a Massachusetts Bar Foundation Fellow. Instrumental in establishing the MBA's General Practice, Solo & Small-Firm Section, she led the MBA's efforts to assist lawyers who are transitioning in or out of practice. A Massachusetts delegate to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates and co-chair of the joint MBA/Boston Bar Association Alimony Task Force, Squillante is also a member of the Probate Court Scheduling Task Force and the MBA representative on the Equality Commission. A former president of the Fall River Bar Association, she will become president of the New England Bar Association in October and is a member of the Bristol County Bar Association Executive Board. Highly involved with efforts to address domestic violence in Fall River, Squillante was awarded the John S. Brayton Jr. Memorial Community Service Award by the Fall River Chamber of Commerce in June 2010.

Richard P. Campbell, President-elect

Campbell is the founder and chairman of Campbell, Campbell, Edwards & Conroy PC, which specializes in trial practice, with offices in Boston and Philadelphia. He represents Fortune 100 corporations and individuals in multi-district litigation, class actions, aviation disasters, mass tort, toxic tort, product liability, commercial disputes and other serious personal injury matters.

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In addition, Campbell organizes and leads his firm's pro bono project, educating parents, students and school administrators about civil and criminal social host liability laws. He has served on the MBA's House of Delegates for more than six years, the Criminal Justice Section Council for four years and currently serves as a trustee for the Massachusetts Bar Foundation. Campbell is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a past chair of the 34,000-member Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association. He also served for seven years as the chair of the board of overseers for Boston College Law School. Campbell was honored by Boston College Law School with its highest award for dedication to the law — the Founder's Medal. He was also the 2009 recipient of the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Andrew C. Hecker Memorial Award, in recognition for his leadership, outreach, enthusiasm, professionalism and pride. Campbell lives in Cohasset.

Douglas K. Sheff, Vice President

Sheff is senior partner at Sheff Law Offices in Boston, where he specializes in all aspects of personal injury law and is considered an expert in brain injury law. A past president of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, he has been appointed trustee of the National College of Advocacy, which provides superior education and training for trial lawyers across the United States. Sheff is also a director of the Belli Society, an international group of distinguished trial attorneys, and he has been awarded the ORT Award for integrity in the law. A seven-time recipient of the American Association for Justice's prestigious Wiedemann-Wysocki Award, he serves on the AAJ's Board of Governors, its Leaders Forum and its Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group. In addition, Sheff has been awarded the AAJ's New Generation Award and is a past chair of the AAJ's 100 State Delegates. He also served as chair to the AAJ's Council of Presidents, representing 50,000 attorneys nationwide. A *Boston* magazine "Super Lawyer," Sheff has also been recognized in *Lifesavers* for preventing injury through aggressive representation of victims of defective products. He resides in Boston.

Jeffrey N. Catalano, Vice President

Catalano is a partner at Todd & Weld LLP in Boston, where he specializes in representing victims of catastrophic injuries in the areas of medical negligence, product liability, auto accident, class action and other personal injury cases. A chair of the MBA's Volunteer, Recognition, Recruitment & Retention Task Force and a member of its Executive Management Board, he is a past chair of the MBA's Civil Litigation Section and has served on the MBA's governing board, the House of Delegates, since 2006. A Massachusetts Bar Foundation Fellow, Catalano is also a member of the executive committee for the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys. He is also on the board of directors for the non-profit law firm Health Law Advocates Inc., where his pro bono work includes patient advocacy and representing chronically ill and impoverished people who are denied access to health care services. In 2009, Catalano received a "Hero from the Field" award for his efforts in improving health care quality and patient rights. He was selected as a New England "Super Lawyer" in 2009 and a "Rising Star" by *Boston* magazine in 2005. Catalano lives in West Roxbury.

Robert L. Holloway Jr., Treasurer

Holloway is a shareholder and president of MacLean, Holloway, Doherty, Ardiff & Morse PC in Peabody.

He is a long-term member of the MBA's Ethics Committee, a member and past chair of the MBA's Civil Litigation Section Council and a former regional delegate to the MBA House of Delegates. Holloway received the MBA's Community Service Award in 1993 and served on the Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Nominations for six years. In August 2009, he began a three-year appointment to the Supreme Judicial Court's Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services, and is a regular panelist for continuing legal education programs. An emeritus member of the Board of Editors of *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, Holloway has served on that board since 1981. Recognized by *Boston* magazine as a "Super Lawyer" in the area of business litigation, he is also a past president of the Essex County Bar Association. A Topsfield resident, Holloway has served as a member of the town's Board of Health and as an elected representative to the Masconomet Regional School Committee from 1990 to 1999. In addition, he was a founding member of Hospice of the North Shore and served for many years as a corporator of Beverly Hospital.

Marsha V. Kazarosian, Secretary

Kazarosian is managing partner of Kazarosian Law Offices in Haverhill, where she concentrates in civil litigation, family law and discrimination. Long active in bar associations, she is a past president of the Essex County Bar Association and the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys. A co-chair of the MBA's Education Committee and an MBA vice president from 2008 to 2009, Kazarosian has also served on the MBA's Executive Management Board, House of Delegates, Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Nominations, Nominating Committee and Gala Dinner Committee. In addition, she is a life Fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation. An accomplished trial lawyer, Kazarosian was named one of the top 10 lawyers in the state in 1999 by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* after successfully suing the Haverhill Golf and Country Club for gender discrimination. Kazarosian served a two-year term as one of 25 lawyers in the commonwealth appointed to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Pro Bono Panel, and a six-year term as a Hearings Committee officer for the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers. She hosts an Internet radio program on Legal Talk Network. Kazarosian lives in Haverhill.

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.