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Local Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyers to Offer Free Legal Advice Exclusively to Veterans on Nov. 17 Toll free number now available

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association is now offering a toll free number as part of its Veterans Dial-A-Lawyer program, a bi-annual event that will next be held on Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The free program is part of the MBA's Serving Our Veterans in the Law initiative, and a supplement to its Dial-A-Lawyer programming.

"I'm delighted the MBA can now pair this critical program with a toll free number; further helping veterans who may not otherwise have the resources to contact a lawyer," said MBA President Denise Squillante. "The MBA is honored we can give back to veterans across the commonwealth who have already given so much."

The Nov. 17 Veterans Dial-A-Lawyer marks the first time the MBA will offer a toll free number. That phone number is **(877) 686-0711**. If callers get a busy signal, they are asked to hang up and try again. They can also call the local number, **(617) 338-0610**.

The Veterans Dial-A-Lawyer is provided at no charge as a public service of the MBA with the financial support of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the philanthropic partner of the MBA. The MBA acknowledges its partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services and thanks them for their important role in the success of the program. During the two-hour event, volunteer MBA attorneys man the phone lines and answer veterans' questions regarding benefits, divorce, child support, employment and landlord/tenant issues.

The MBA's Serving Our Veterans in the Law initiative also includes a weekly call-in service for veterans struggling with state and federal benefit appeals. Qualified veterans will be matched up with attorneys who agree to represent their case free of charge.

"The Department of Veterans' Services is honored to work with the Massachusetts Bar Association and I applaud them for their continued support to veterans in the commonwealth," said Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services Secretary Thomas Kelley. "The continued success of the Dial-A-Lawyer program has proven that there is a need within the veterans' community for access to legal services."

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.

The Massachusetts Bar Foundation is the Commonwealth's premiere legal charity. Founded in 1964, the MBF is the philanthropic partner of the Massachusetts Bar Association. Through its grantmaking and charitable activities, the MBF works to increase access to justice for all Massachusetts citizens.