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Massachusetts Bar Association names first chief operating officer

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association has named its longtime general counsel and acting executive director as its first chief operating officer. Martin W. Healy, a Wilmington resident, will also remain the association's chief legal counsel.

Healy, who became general counsel in 1997, has worked at the MBA since 1989. He takes on the new role as a result of bylaw changes adopted by the association's leadership earlier this year.

"We are honored to pair Marty Healy's proven leadership in the bar and on Beacon Hill with this top position with the Massachusetts Bar Association," MBA President Denise Squillante said. "MBA leadership looks forward to working with Marty to further advance the association's strategic goals concentrating on membership retention and recruitment and technological advancement, among other areas of focus."

Healy is also a member of the Board of Bar Examiners, a group appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court that prepares, administers, and grades examination for admission to the Massachusetts bar; evaluates applicants' requirements; and issues reports. From 2000 to 2006, he was a Hearing Committee member on the Board of Bar Overseers.

"Marty Healy possesses both an extraordinary knowledge of the legislative process and a wealth of experience in dealing with legislators," House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo said. "I congratulate Marty and the Massachusetts Bar Association and wish him well in his new role."

The bylaw changes that led to Healy's new position were created by a governance committee led by past president Warren Fitzgerald and convened by past president Edward W. McIntyre. The work of the committee was carried out during the term of immediate past president Valerie A. Yarashus.

"Marty Healy is a phenomenally effective and respected leader, who has been instrumental in many of the MBA's accomplishments over the last 20 years. In everything from passing

legislation to managing the staff to improving member benefits, he knows how to turn ideas into action,” Yarashus said. “We are all thrilled that he is leading the Mass. Bar into our year of centennial celebrations.”

A member of pro bono defense counsel for the Committee for Public Counsel Services, Healy also sits on the Editorial Board of *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* and the SJC Judiciary-Media Committee.

Prior to his arrival at the MBA, Healy was a law clerk in the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office and in the Law Office of William F. Coyne in Boston. He also served as a senior legislative aide in the Massachusetts Senate.

Healy received his law degree, cum laude, from Suffolk University Law School and his bachelor’s degree from Suffolk University. A South Boston native, he resides in Wilmington with his wife, Celeste, and three sons.

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.