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**Boston attorney appointed chair of MBA Access To Justice Section
for its centennial year**

Fitchburg attorney named vice chair

Boston attorney Jayne B. Tyrrell has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Denise Squillante as chair of the association's Access to Justice Section, for the 2010-11 year. Fitchburg attorney Charles E. Vander Linden has been named section vice chair. Their appointments begin 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.

The MBA's Access to Justice Section serves to support lawyers who provide representation through legal service organizations, court-appointed criminal defense or other pro-bono activities.

Tyrrell, a Watertown resident, is the executive director of the Massachusetts Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Program (IOLTA), where she works to provide free legal services for the poor. A recipient of the MBA President's Award in 2009, Tyrrell was a key member of the national litigation strategy team that fought for a decade in a Supreme Court case holding IOLTA programs to be constitutional. The former president of the National Association of IOLTA programs, Tyrrell has served on the Supreme Judicial Court Working Group on Limited Assistance Representation, the Boston Bar Association Task Force on Expanding the Right to Counsel and the Self Represented Litigation Network.

Vander Linden is a principal at Starr Vander Linden LLP in Fitchburg, where he represents a number of clients in litigation involving real estate, employment, business matters, insurance disputes and discrimination. A Groton resident, he previously served on the Groton Zoning Board of Appeals for 15 years and is currently a trustee of the Groton Conservation Trust. Vander Linden is a member of the Attorney's Committee of the Massachusetts Community Associations Institute and is on the Board of Directors of the Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts.

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