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Framingham attorney appointed chair of MBA's Criminal Justice Section for its centennial year

Somerville attorney named vice chair

Framingham attorney Michael L. Fabbri has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Denise Squillante as chair of the association's Criminal Justice Section for the 2010-11 year. Somerville attorney Radha Natarajan 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 Criminal Justice Section serves to provide a forum for all criminal practitioners – defense and prosecution – to exchange ideas, experiences and positions resulting in well-balanced education programs and legislative review.

Fabbri, an Ashland resident, is an assistant district attorney with Middlesex County District Attorney's Office where he currently serves as the office's Framingham regional supervisor. He has also worked at the Attorney General's Office in Boston as an assistant attorney general and served as deputy chief of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Prior to that, Fabbri practiced law at Bikofsky, Walker & Tuttle in Framingham. Fabbri is a 1983 graduate of Northeastern University School of Law, a 1980 graduate of Framingham State College and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Natarajan, a Somerville resident, is a public defender with the Committee for Public Counsel Services in Cambridge, where she represents individuals in the Somerville, Malden and Woburn district courts as well as Middlesex Superior Court. As a trial attorney, he has been involved in the training of defense attorneys in the areas of cross-racial eyewitness identifications and cases charging a failure to register as a sex offender. Natarajan is a 2003 graduate of New York University School of Law, where she was the managing editor of the *New York University Law Review*. Natarajan's article, "Racialized Memory and Reliability: Due Process Applied to Cross-Racial Eyewitness Identifications" has been cited in numerous articles and by the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of New York.

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.

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.