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Boston attorney appointed chair of MBA's Family Law Section for its centennial year

Orleans attorney named vice chair

Boston attorney Marc E. Fitzgerald has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Denise Squillante as chair of the association's Family Law Section for the 2010-11 year. Orleans attorney Michael I. Flores 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 Family Law Section is designed to improve the Probate and Family Court's accessibility and efficiency for the benefit of lawyers, judges, staff and the public by keeping its members current with educational seminars, updates on legislative activity and bench/bar networking opportunities.

Fitzgerald, a Milton resident, is a partner in the Boston law firm Casner & Edwards, LLP. He practices in the firm's Family Law and Probate Group, concentrating in complex divorce cases, all aspects of domestic relations and probate litigation. A graduate of Boston College, Fitzgerald obtained his law degree from New England School of Law, where he was president of the Honors Moot Court from 2001 to 2002. He has appeared as a panelist at seminars and conferences sponsored by the MBA and Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education. Fitzgerald is recognized as a Rising Star by *Boston* magazine.

Flores, an Orleans resident, is the principal at the Law Offices of Michael I. Flores in Orleans where he devotes his practice to representing clients in a broad array of domestic relations matters, including litigation and alternative dispute resolution. A Board of Bar Overseers Hearing Committee member, he is also vice president and family law committee chairman of the Barnstable County Bar Association. Flores has spoken and written for several bar associations and penned a reference guide on the Probate and Family Court for mental health professionals. In addition, he frequently lectures on business ethics and leadership for the Curry College MBA Program.

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.

