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Boston attorney appointed chair of MBA's General Practice, Solo & Small-Firm Section for its centennial year

Boston attorney named vice chair

Boston attorney Peter T. Elikann has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Denise Squillante as chair of the association's General Practice, Solo & Small-Firm Section for the 2010-11 year. Boston attorney John B. DiSciullo 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 General Practice, Solo & Small-Firm Section assists members by studying the needs and concerns of solo, small firm practitioners; providing a forum and clearinghouse for the exchange and dissemination of ideas and information; motivating and assisting the MBA to address the section's needs and concerns; and encouraging, identifying and promoting programs, benefits and services of interest to solo and small firm practitioners.

Elikann, a resident of Boston's Beacon Hill, is an author, criminal defense attorney and legal commentator on Court TV and other networks. He is a former television news reporter and author of *Superpredators: The Demonization of Our Children by the Law* (Perseus, 1999) and *The Tough On Crime Myth* (Plenum, 1996). A longtime MBA member, Elikann is a former chair of the Criminal Justice Section Council. He has been recognized in *Boston* magazine as a Massachusetts and New England Super Lawyer.

DiSciullo, a Newton resident, is a partner at Mitchell & DeSimone in Boston, where he practices civil litigation in areas including plaintiff's personal injury, insurance defense, insurance coverage, business disputes and construction defects. He has been recognized in *Boston* magazine as a Massachusetts Rising Star and Massachusetts Super Lawyer every year since 2005. DiSciullo is also an avid cycling enthusiast who maintains an online resource for bicycle riders needing more information about bicycling laws in Boston.

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.

