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## **Boston attorney appointed chair of MBA's Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section for its centennial year**

*Boston attorney appointed vice chair*

Boston attorney Laurence M. Johnson has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Denise Squillante as chair of the association's Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section for the 2010-11 year. Boston attorney Frank A. Smith III has been named section vice chair. Their appointments begin Sept. 1.

In honor of its 100<sup>th</sup> 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 Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section advocates for the protection of individual rights, with an emphasis on those who are under-represented in the judicial system.

Johnson, a Randolph resident, is a shareholder at Davis, Malm & D'Agostine PC in Boston, where he practices in the area of trials and appeals of complex business litigation. He has been named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer every year since 2004. Johnson is a past-president, trustee, and an Oliver Wendell Holmes life Fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the MBA. He is also a member of both the Massachusetts IOLTA Committee and Supreme Judicial Court Law Clerks' Society and, for over 30 years, a director of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Johnson is a member of the Boston Bar Association and American Bar Association as well as a life member of the American Law Institute and an elected Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Smith, a Milton resident and principal at Frank A. Smith III & Associates PC in Boston, focuses his practice in the areas of family law, personal injury, business law, and civil rights. A frequent lecturer and writer for the Massachusetts legal community, he has served as a co-chair for a panel discussing legal issues pertaining to the use of Guantanamo Bay and difficulties surrounding detainees at the base. Smith also is a Fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation.

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.

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