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**Retired judge appointed chair of
MBA's Judicial Administration Section for its centennial year**
Braintree attorney named vice chair

The Hon. Gordon L. Doerfer (ret.) has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Denise Squillante as chair of the association's Judicial Administration Section for the 2010-11 year. Braintree attorney John J. Morrissey 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 Judicial Administration Section serves to promote the fair and efficient administration of justice within courts of the commonwealth. With members from both bench and bar, the section monitors the needs of the Massachusetts Courts and supports proposals for enhancing their efficiency.

Doerfer, a Needham resident, is a mediator and arbitrator on the panel of neutrals at JAMS, The Resolution Experts in Boston, where he specializes in the arbitration and mediation of business disputes. He is also on the adjunct faculty of Suffolk University Law School, where he teaches trial practice and previously served as adjunct faculty at Boston College Law School. Doerfer retired from the bench after 25 years of service, including four years on the Boston Municipal Court, fifteen years on the Superior Court and six years as an associate justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. He is a recipient of a Judicial Excellence Award from the Massachusetts Judges Conference.

Morrissey, a Hingham resident, is a founding partner of the law firm of Morrissey, Wilson & Zafiroopoulos LLP in Braintree, a boutique law firm practicing in the areas of litigation, bankruptcy & creditors' rights and real estate. He practices in the area of litigation with a principle focus on personal injury and workers' compensation claims. Morrissey also serves in the MBA House of Delegates and as an arbitrator on the MBA Fee Arbitration Board. He is a member of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys' Board of Governors and Chairman of the Workers' Compensation Committee. Between 1999 and 2005 Morrissey served as a member of the Board of Bar Overseers Hearing Committee for Plymouth and Norfolk counties. He is a Life Fellow and a member of the Grant Advisory Committee of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the philanthropic partner of the MBA. Since 2003, Morrissey has served as a director of Central Bancorp, a publically traded company, and as a director and chairman of the Real Estate Committee of Central Co-Operative Bank since 2004.

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.