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## **Newton attorney appointed chair of MBA's Juvenile & Child Welfare Section for its centennial year**

*Boston attorney named vice chair*

Newton attorney Peter A. Hahn has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Denise Squillante as chair of the association's Juvenile & Child Welfare Section for the 2010-11 year. Boston attorney Martha Rush O'Mara 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 Juvenile & Child Welfare Section enables practitioners who represent clients in abuse and neglect, delinquency, youthful offender and status offender cases to meet in one forum to address the variety of issues affecting children and families. The section provides opportunities for members to work on projects involving proposed and current legislation, develop and present continuing legal education seminars, roundtables and open section meetings and publish articles.

Hahn, a Cambridge resident, is the founder of OneLaw in Newton, which represents clients comprehensively in a range of personal legal services. Hahn advocates for children and families in several practice areas, including juvenile delinquency, Department of Children and Families investigations and appeals, student discipline and special education matters, adoption, and criminal cases for young adults and people with disabilities. He frequently speaks to the legal community about education law and the juvenile justice system and previously served on both the MBA's Criminal Justice Section Council and the Juvenile Justice Practice Group. Hahn is a former middle and high school teacher and a former judicial law clerk in the Juvenile Court.

Rush O'Mara, a Melrose resident, practices at the Law Office of Martha Rush O'Mara in the area of children's law. An attorney for nearly 20 years, she is a Fellow with the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the MBA's philanthropic partner. She is also chair of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation's Board of Directors in addition to serving her second term on the Massachusetts Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Committee. Rush O'Mara is also an avid volunteer in the Massachusetts legal community, conducting extensive pro bono work and mentoring recent law school graduates. She sits on the MBA's Executive Management Board, Governance Committee and Membership Committee.

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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