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Boston attorneys appointed chair and vice chair of MBA's Labor & Employment Law Section for its centennial year

Boston attorney Thomas J. Gallitano has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Denise Squillante as chair of the association's Labor & Employment Law Section for the 2010-11 year. Boston attorney Dahlia C. Rudavsky 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 Labor & Employment Law Section is designed to bring together representatives of employees, employers, labor organizations, the neutral sector, state and federal agencies, arbitrators and mediators to provide a forum for all segments of the labor and employment bar.

Gallitano is a partner at Conn Kavanaugh Rosenthal Peisch & Ford LLP in Boston, where he focuses on employment law, professional liability and business litigation. He serves as co-chair of the firm's Employment Law Practice Group. From 2004 to 2006, Gallitano was recognized by *Boston* magazine as a Massachusetts Super Lawyer. In 2007, 2008 and 2009 he was recognized as a Top 100 Super Lawyer in both Massachusetts and New England in the areas of business litigation and employment. In 2007, Gallitano was appointed by Gov. Deval Patrick as chair of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) Advisory Board. He is a past hearing officer for the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers. Gallitano lives in Brookline, where he is a member of Town Meeting.

Rudavsky is a partner in the Boston firm of Messing, Rudavsky & Weliky PC, where she concentrates her practice on the representation of individual employees and unions, with an emphasis on discrimination cases. She was named one of *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's* "Lawyers of the Year" for 1999, in 2002 was recognized by *Boston* magazine in its "Best of Boston" list of employment law attorneys, and each year since 2004 she has been named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer. In 2005 and again this year she was recognized as one of the Top 50 Massachusetts Female Super Lawyers identified by *Boston* magazine. Rudavsky is the past chair of the Massachusetts Employment Lawyers Association's MCAD/EEOC Committee, and is a former member of the steering committee of the AFL-CIO Lawyers Coordinating Committee. She has served as lecturer in law at Harvard Law School, where she taught labor law. Rudavsky lives in Newton.

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.