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Wakefield attorney appointed chair of MBA's Probate Law Section for its centennial year

Worcester attorney named vice chair

Wakefield attorney Janice C. Nigro has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Denise Squillante as chair of the association's Probate Law Section for the 2010-11 year. Worcester attorney Michael R. Christy 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 Probate Law Section concentrates on legal and practical issues in the areas of estate planning, elder law and probate administration and litigation. Section members are involved in Probate Court procedures; shaping legislation and practice methods that update and improve practice areas.

Nigro is a partner at Nigro, Pettepit & Lucas LLP in Wakefield, where she practices in the areas of probate administration and litigation, trust litigation, estate planning and elder law. She is a member of the Essex County Bar Association, First District Eastern Middlesex Bar Association, Newburyport Bar Association, Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Massachusetts National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. A Hamilton resident, Nigro is board member of The Angel Fund, a non-profit organization with goals of raising research funds and awareness for ALS, and a past board member of Christ Church Nursery School.

Christy, a Worcester resident, is an associate at Mirick, O'Connell, DeMallie and Lougee LLP in Worcester, where he focuses on complex business and fiduciary litigation matters, including internal corporate disputes, breach-of-contract and probate and trust litigation. Christy has contributed articles to the *Deposition Handbook* and the *Boston Bar Journal*.

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.