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Boston attorney appointed chair of MBA's Property Law Section for its centennial year

Wellesley attorney named vice chair

Boston attorney Laurel H. Siegel has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Denise Squillante as chair of the association's Property Law Section for the 2010-11 year. Wellesley attorney Elizabeth J. Barton 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 Property Law Section monitors and comments on legislation, litigation and real property practice trends affecting attorneys who deal with commercial, residential, landlord/tenant, conveyance and environmental concerns.

Siegel has practiced commercial and residential real estate law for 15 years. Prior to starting her solo practice in 2008, she was a principal at Siegel, Wagner & Swartz LLC in Boston, where she was the managing member of the real estate department. Previously, Siegel practiced at Kotin, Crabtree & Strong LLC. She was one of the real estate "Rising Stars" in *Law & Politics Magazine's* Super Lawyers listings in 2006 and 2007. Siegel is a member of Real Estate Bar Association and serves on its legislative committee. The Medford resident is on the Board of Directors of the Medford Square Market and a member of the Medford Chamber of Commerce.

Barton, a resident of Natick, is a title insurance underwriter with CATIC in its Eastern Massachusetts office. An active member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, Beth is also the Chair of the Foreclosure Legislation Task Force, and Chair of the Foreclosure Education Committee. Beth is also a member of the Real Estate Bar Association of Massachusetts, serving on its Title Standards Committee and Commercial Real Estate Finance Committee; a member of the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts, serving on its Membership Committee; and a member of the Merrimack Valley Bar Association. She lectures for Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, the MBA and REBA.

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.