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## **Wellesley attorney appointed chair of MBA's Taxation Law Section for its centennial year**

*Boston attorney named vice chair*

Wellesley Hills attorney Lisa M. Rico has been appointed by Massachusetts Bar Association President Denise Squillante as chair of the association's Taxation Law Section for the 2010-11 year. Boston attorney Richard M. Stone 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 Taxation Law Section has been a driving force behind tax reform in Massachusetts. It acts as a forum for members to foster important ties with the government, Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of Revenue while suggesting legislation, providing services to the section and the bar, and acting as the liaison between the section's membership and the MBA House of Delegates.

Rico is a partner in the Estate Planning Group at Gilmore, Rees & Carlson PC, focusing on estate planning, probate and tax law. She also represents nonprofit organizations — such as charitable trusts — and provides tax advice to partnerships and other pass-through entities. Rico often lectures and has authored numerous materials on estate planning issues, including family limited partnerships, estate liquidity and the generation skipping transfer tax. The Ashland resident has previously served on several prominent American Bar Association committees and task forces dedicated to estate planning and administration, income and transfer tax planning and business planning. She is currently serving as the Co-Chair of the Estate Planning and Administration for Business Owners, Farmers and Ranchers Committee of the ABA's Real Property Trust and Estate Law Section.

Stone is a tax attorney in Boston, where he focuses on state, federal and international tax matters, including planning, audits, appeals and litigation. In addition to his private practice, the Boston resident is of counsel to the McLane law firm in Woburn. Stone has also served as general counsel of two major multinational U.S. companies including Western Development Corporation (later known as The Mills Corporation) and APCOA, Inc. Stone was selected to be a member of the ABA Advisory Panel, which informs the ABA's priorities and decisions. He contributes to the legal community by lecturing and writing; his most recent appearance was as a featured speaker at the MBA's 2010 Annual Conference. Stone is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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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