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Bay State residents can receive free legal advice Aug. 15 through Ask A Lawyer presented by the MBA and WBZ Call for Action

BOSTON, Mass. —Massachusetts residents can receive free legal advice on Wednesday, Aug. 15 by participating in the Ask A Lawyer call-in program presented jointly by the Massachusetts Bar Association and WBZ Call for Action.

Ask A Lawyer was a regular program from 1978 until 2005. The MBA and WBZ Call for Action have revived the program to meet the growing legal needs of the commonwealth's citizens.

“The Massachusetts Bar Association is proud to have worked with WBZ radio to bring back this critical program,” MBA President Richard P. Campbell said. “The country’s current economic crisis has both pushed the need for legal help to an all-time-high and made it harder for the average citizen to afford legal services. We hope this program can help bridge that gap.”

Volunteer lawyers from the MBA will field phone calls from 7 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 15 from Bay State residents who have legal concerns or problems. The legal advice is provided at no charge as a public service.

The Ask A Lawyer phone number is **(617) 787-7070**. If a caller gets a busy signal, they are asked to hang up and try again. Normal telephone charges will apply. *Please note, the phones will only be staffed by MBA attorneys from 7 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 15.*

While volunteer lawyers field calls, MBA representatives will discuss key legal topics from 8 to 9 p.m. as guests on WBZ Radio’s NightSide with Dan Rea. Campbell will be joined by Eric J. Parker, chair of the MBA’s Task Force on Law, the Economy and Underemployment, to talk about the state’s court funding crisis, the future of legal education and the MBA’s newly launched Lawyer Referral Service web site, www.masslawhelp.com

WBZ Call for Action, in existence for 40 years, is a non-profit telephone information, referral and action service dedicated to resolving people’s problems. A free service, it is a member of the national organization, Call For Action, Inc.

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.