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## **Mass. Bar Association's Leadership Academy to Hold Worcester Training on Public Service, Dec. 12**

*Academy Fellows to hear from current/former court, government and military leaders*

BOSTON, Mass. – The Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) is holding its second Leadership Academy training session of the year in Worcester on Monday, Dec. 12, where the topic will be “Unique Perspectives on Public Service.” Launched in September, the MBA’s Leadership Academy is a selective 12-month program for attorneys that is designed to recruit and nurture future bar and civic leaders.

The Dec. 12 training session will be held from 2-5 p.m. at the U.S. District Court in Worcester (595 Main Street, Worcester.) Leadership Academy Fellows will hear from and take part in roundtable discussions with current and former court, government and military leaders, including:

- Hon. Judith Fabricant, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court
- Wayne Budd, Goodwin Procter LLP, former U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts
- Commander Matthew Bowen, U.S. Navy (ret.)

MBA President Jeffrey N. Catalano, co-chair of the MBA’s Leadership Academy, said: “We anticipate that having the fellows hear from individuals who achieved very high levels of success in their respective fields will incentivize them to pursue a noble career in public service. We are very fortunate to have this distinguished panel volunteer their time to inspire young attorneys.”

MBA Treasurer Christopher A. Kenney, who also co-chair’s MBA’s Leadership Academy, said: “The MBA’s Leadership Academy is shaping tomorrow’s leaders of the bar, business and government in Massachusetts. Our esteemed panelists will inspire the fellows to seek their full potential and challenge them to achieve it. The MBA’s investment in the fellows’ professional development and personal fulfillment will pay dividends to the commonwealth for years to come.”

The 21 Leadership Academy Fellows selected for the inaugural 2016-17 Leadership Academy class represent a diverse group of talented attorneys from across the commonwealth with three to 10 years of experience, along with the 2016 recipient of the MBA’s Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Scholarship. Leadership Academy Fellows are given the opportunity to network, collaborate and build relationships

with bar leaders; develop and enhance leadership skills important to their future in the legal profession; and get an insider's look at the important role the MBA plays within the legal system.

The first Leadership Academy training session on "Profiles in Leadership" was held in Boston on Oct. 25. It featured Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito; Suffolk Construction Company Chairman and CEO John Fish; Donoghue, Barrett & Singal partner William Sinnott; and Past MBA President Valerie A. Yarashus of Meehan, Boyle, Black & Bogdanow PC.

Here are the 2016-17 MBA Leadership Academy Fellows:

- Jesse Adams, Law Office of Jesse Adams (Northampton)
- Adrian Angus, Committee for Public Counsel Services (Worcester)
- Saraa Basaria, Gordon & Rees LLP (Boston)
- Ida R. Candreva, Candreva Law Office (Boston)
- Melissa Conner, Conner Law Offices (Charlestown)
- Emmanuel Dockter, Baum & Dockter (Quincy)
- Talia Gee, Sullivan, Hayes & Quinn (Springfield)
- Katherine Guarino, Locke Lord, LLP (Boston)
- Sara Horatius, Roxbury Community College (Boston)
- Jane A. Horne, Peabody & Arnold LLP (Boston)
- Sakib Khan, Kenney & Sams PC (Southborough)
- Brigid Mitchell, Law Office of Denise Squillante (Fall River)
- Marc Moccia, Kazarosian Costello LLP (Haverhill)
- Michael Molloy, Marcotte Law Firm (Lowell)
- Michael Rossi, Conn Kavanaugh Rosenthal Peisch Ford LLP (Boston)
- Victoria Santoro, Meehan, Boyle, Black & Bogdanow (Boston)
- Lauren N. Schaal, Community Legal Aid (Worcester) *2016 Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Scholarship Recipient*
- Samuel A. Segal, Law Offices of Samuel A. Segal (Boston)
- Courtney Shea, Peabody & Arnold LLP (Boston)
- Meghan Slack, Law Office of Meghan Slack (Cambridge)
- Damian Turco, Turco Legal PC (Newburyport)

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