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**CNN Senior Analyst, Best-Selling Author Jeffrey Toobin to Deliver Keynote
at Massachusetts Bar Association Annual Dinner, May 4**

State Sen. Karen E. Spilka, attorneys Robert J. Muldoon Jr. and David W. White Jr. among honorees

WHAT: More than 1,000 attorneys and other members of the legal community will gather for the sold-out Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) Annual Dinner, which will feature a keynote address by CNN senior analyst and best-selling author Jeffrey Toobin, plus the presentation of several awards.

WHO: MBA President Jeffrey N. Catalano will preside over the Annual Dinner, which will also feature:

- **Keynote address:** Jeffrey Toobin, CNN senior analyst and best-selling author
- **Legislator of the Year Award:** Senate Ways and Means Chair Karen E. Spilka (D-Second Middlesex and Norfolk)
- **2017 MBA Gold Medal Award:** Robert J. Muldoon Jr. (Sherin and Lodgen LLP)
- **2017 President's Award:** Past MBA President David W. White Jr. (Breakstone, White & Gluck)
- **2017 Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Scholarship (\$10,000):** Shayla Mombeleur, a third-year law student at the University of Massachusetts School of Law, Dartmouth
- **2017 Access to Justice Awards** to seven attorneys and one law firm
 - **Defender Award:** Rebecca Jacobstein (Committee for Public Counsel Services)
 - **Prosecutor Award:** Kevin J. Curtin (Middlesex District Attorney's Office)
 - **Pro Bono Publico Awards:** Andrew Troop (Pillsbury Winthrop) and Christopher Mirick (Harvest Power Inc.)
 - **Legal Services Award:** Brian Flynn (Greater Boston Legal Services)
 - **Pro Bono Award for Law Firms:** K&L Gates, Boston
 - **Rising Star Awards:** Weayonnoh Nelson-Davies (Community Legal Aid) and Claire Valentin (Children's Law Center of Massachusetts)

WHEN: Thursday, May 4. Reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

WHERE: The Westin Boston Waterfront, 425 Summer St, Boston, MA 02210

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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.