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**MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION DEBUTS
ITS BENCH-BAR SYMPOSIUM ON THURSDAY**

- WHAT:** The Nov. 30 Massachusetts Bar Association Bench-Bar Symposium will feature Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall, who will deliver an Annual Address to the Legal Community. Chief Justice Marshall's address will be followed by a "Supporting and Protecting the Independence of the Judiciary" panel discussion featuring leading representatives from the bar, judiciary and media.
- WHO:** **Opening Remarks:** MBA President Mark D Mason
Annual Address to the Legal Community:
Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall
Panel Discussion: "Supporting and Protecting the Independence of the Judiciary,"
featuring:
Bench: Massachusetts Appeals Court Chief Justice Phillip Rapoza and Superior Court Judge Janet L. Sanders
Bar: ABA Standing Committee on Judicial Independence member William K. Weisenberg; MBA Legal Counsel Martin W. Healy; and a past president of the MBA and chair of its Committee on Judicial Independence Edward P. Ryan Jr.
Media: WBUR-FM General Manager Paul La Camera; and *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* Publisher and Editor-in-chief David L. Yas
- WHERE:** **John Adams Courthouse – Great Hall**
One Pemberton Square, Boston
- WHEN:** **Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006**
2 p.m.

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