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**MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS  
ITS FIRST BENCH-BAR SYMPOSIUM ON NOV. 30**

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association will debut its Bench-Bar Symposium at the John Adams Courthouse on Thursday, Nov. 30. The afternoon program, beginning at 2 p.m., will feature Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall, as well as panel presentations focusing on timely issues affecting both attorneys and judges.

The symposium is a maturation of the bench-bar forums traditionally presented each spring at MBA's Annual Conference. The Nov. 30 event will include the Annual Address to the Legal Community delivered by Chief Justice Marshall, which will lead into three panel discussions. The simultaneous panels will focus on the media and public perception of the legal system, judicial independence and appellate bench-bar issues.

“We look forward to bringing a multidisciplinary group of professionals together to inspire important discussions on the very topics that impact attorneys and judges most profoundly,” said MBA President Mark D. Mason, who began his term on Sept. 1. Mason envisions this program and others being planned for the coming MBA year to help “strengthen the ties for the members of the bar to focus on our common goals.”

The Nov. 30 Bench-Bar Symposium is free to attend. Interested legal professionals should contact the MBA via email at [membership@massbar.org](mailto:membership@massbar.org) or at 617.338.0530.

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