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## **LOCAL MBA LAWYERS TO OFFER FREE LEGAL ADVICE TO HUNDREDS ON MAY 18**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Residents of Western Massachusetts will receive free legal advice on Thursday, May 18, 2006, through the **Massachusetts Bar Association's** semiannual **Dial-A-Lawyer call-in program**.

Volunteer lawyers from the Massachusetts Bar Association will field phone calls from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. from residents of Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties who have legal concerns or problems. The legal advice is provided at no charge as a public service of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

The Dial-A-Lawyer phone number is **(413) 782-1659**. If a caller gets a busy signal, they are asked to hang up and try again. Normal telephone charges will apply. **(EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE: this number is only active from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on May 18.)**

During previous Dial-A-Lawyer programs, attorneys answered questions on a wide range of legal questions, including issues involving workers' compensation, divorce, estate issues, landlord disputes, health and Medicare problems, criminal matters, discrimination and adoption.

"The Massachusetts Bar Association's Dial-A-Lawyer program is a wonderful opportunity for individuals to ask legal questions of competent practitioners for free. I encourage those with legal questions to take advantage of this valuable service," said MBA President-Elect Mark Mason, who is a program participant and Springfield attorney.

Mason adds, "This program is a great resource for the community. Attorneys with a variety of expertise are ready to offer advice to anyone who needs it. Many times a brief conversation with a lawyer is all that's needed to start solving a problem."

The Massachusetts Bar Association's Dial-A-Lawyer program is co-sponsored by Western New England College School of Law, *The Republican*, *El Pueblo Latino* and the Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys.

*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.*

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