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MASS. BAR, *LAWYERS WEEKLY* TO HONOR TOP ATTORNEYS AND DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, MEDIA

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association and *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* will co-host a celebration of Excellence in the Law at Boston's State Room on Thursday, February 16. The evening will include presentations of the MBA's Daniel F. Toomey Excellence in the Judiciary Award to Hon. Paula M. Carey and its Excellence in Legal Journalism Award to WGBH-TV's Emily Rooney. The Lawyers of the Year 2005, as published in the December 26, 2005 issue of *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, will also be honored. In addition, a special tribute to the late Superior Court Justice Hon. Robert H. Bohn Jr. will be delivered by colleague and friend Associate Justice of the Superior Court Hon. John Cratsley.

"Mass. Bar is delighted to partner with *Lawyers Weekly* to present an opportunity for our colleagues to celebrate. We are equally pleased to highlight the high standards of professionalism and integrity from two outstanding awardees from the bench and the press," said MBA President Warren Fitzgerald, Esq.

"Each year, we are proud to deliver an event that salutes the very best in our industry," added *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* Editor-in-Chief and Publisher David Yas, Esq. *Lawyers Weekly* began this annual event in 2001.

Highly respected by her colleagues in the judiciary and those attorneys who present cases before her, Judge Carey has served as an associate justice of the Norfolk Probate & Family Court since January 2001. A recipient of the 2004 Massachusetts Judges Conference "Probate and Family Court Department Judge of the Year" award, she is an active member of the Mass. Bar, lending her expertise and energy to the Family Law Section Council. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Carey was a partner at Carey & Mooney PC, where she specialized in domestic relations matters.

WGBH-TV's *Greater Boston* Host and Executive Director Emily Rooney is often recognized for her signature in-depth analysis of news, politics and public affairs. A recipient of several awards for *Greater Boston* since its

debut in 1997, Rooney has been a frequent participant in journalism roundtables. She is regularly sought after for her views on ethics and standards in broadcast journalism and advocacy of media accountability. Rooney was director of political coverage and special events at *Fox Network* in New York from 1994 to 1997. Prior to that, she was executive producer of *ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings*.

All recognized for their commitment to the legal profession and their diligence on behalf of their clients, *Lawyers Weekly's* Lawyers of the Year 2005 are: Howard M. Cooper, Rosemary J. Cooper, Paul T. Dacier, Robert A. George, Christine M. Griffin, Patrick T. Jones, Gloria C. Larson, Barry S. Pollack, Michael C. Wilcox and John P. Zanini.

All net proceeds from the Excellence in Law celebration go toward the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the philanthropic partner of the Mass. Bar.

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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