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BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association is proud to host a supplement to its Dial-A-Lawyer programming: a session dedicated solely to veterans' legal questions. The free Veterans Dial-A-Lawyer program, a part of the MBA's Serving Our Veterans in the Law initiative, will take place on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"We are privileged to offer a comprehensive free public service that is making a positive difference in the lives of our veterans across Massachusetts," said MBA President Edward W. McIntyre, a Vietnam veteran whose term expires at the end of August. "I am proud of the role the men and women of the MBA have played in softening the legal burden that our veterans are encountering."

The Veterans Dial-A-Lawyer is provided at no charge as a public service of the MBA with the financial support of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the philanthropic partner of the MBA. The MBA acknowledges its partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services and thanks them for their important role in the success of the program.

The MBA's Serving Our Veterans in the Law initiative also includes a weekly call-in service for veterans struggling with state and federal benefit appeals. Qualified veterans will be matched up with attorneys who agree to represent their case free of charge.

Nearly half a million veterans live in Massachusetts, many of whom have pressing legal questions concerning benefits, divorce, child support, employment and landlord/tenant issues.

"The Massachusetts Bar Association continues to offer great support for veterans in the commonwealth. The continued success of the Dial-A-Lawyer program has proven that there is a need within the veterans' community for access to legal services," said Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services Secretary Thomas Kelley. "The Department of Veterans' Services is honored to work with the Massachusetts Bar Association and I applaud them for their continued support to veterans in the commonwealth."

The Veterans Dial-A-Lawyer phone number is (617) 338-0610. 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 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 15.)** If the caller is unable to get through on Oct. 15, the MBA offers a monthly Dial-A-Lawyer Program on the first Wednesday of every month from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The phone number is (617) 338-0610.

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.

The Massachusetts Bar Foundation is the Commonwealth's premiere legal charity. Founded in 1964, the MBF is the philanthropic partner of the Massachusetts Bar Association. Through its grantmaking and charitable activities, the MBF works to increase access to justice for all Massachusetts citizens.