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Media Advisory:

Massachusetts and Boston bar associations Co-sponsor Court Advocacy Day at the Statehouse

WHAT: The Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) and Boston Bar Association (BBA) will co-sponsor a Court Advocacy Day to urge legislators to include \$622.7 million to fund the critical needs of the Massachusetts Court System in the Fiscal Year 2010 State Budget.

The event will take place a few weeks before the House of Representatives announces its proposed FY10 State Budget. Gov. Deval Patrick's proposed budget announced in January only provided \$579.4 million for the Massachusetts judiciary. This amount would have significantly negative consequences for the administration of justice and for citizens throughout the commonwealth.

WHO: Attorneys from the MBA, BBA and the state's other county and specialty bar associations will gather for a brief speaking program, after which they will meet with legislators. Featured speakers include:

- **Edward W. McIntyre, president, MBA;**
- **Kathy B. Weinman, president, BBA;**
- **Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall, Supreme Judicial Court; and**
- **Chief Justice for Administration and Management Robert A. Mulligan.**

WHERE: **The Grand Staircase, inside the Massachusetts State House
Boston**

WHEN: **Tuesday, March 31, 2009
1:30 p.m.**

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.