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Western Mass. Dial-A-Lawyer program on Oct. 20 offers free legal advice from local Massachusetts Bar Association lawyers

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Interested residents of Western Massachusetts can receive free legal advice on Wednesday, Oct. 20 through the **Massachusetts Bar Association’s** semiannual **Dial-A-Lawyer call-in program**.

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

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 Oct. 20.)**

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

“Western Massachusetts residents with a range of legal concerns can benefit from putting in a call to the MBA’s Dial-A-Lawyer program,” said Katherine Robertson, a partner at Bulkley Richardson and Gelinas LLP in Springfield who has participated in the program since its inception more than 10 years ago.

“There are many legal concerns you can’t solve in a single phone call,” Robertson said, “but we can point someone in the right direction and let him or her know what his or her rights and responsibilities are.”

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.