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## **Massachusetts Bar Association offers free legal advice to Western Mass. residents by phone, April 12**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Western Massachusetts residents can receive free legal advice on Thursday, April 12, through the **Massachusetts Bar Association’s semiannual Western Mass. Dial-A-Lawyer call-in program.**

Volunteer lawyers from the MBA will field phone calls from 4 to 7 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 4 to 7 p.m. on April 12.)**

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

“Our Western Mass. Dial-A-Lawyer program provides an invaluable service by connecting dedicated volunteer lawyers with people in our communities who might not otherwise have access to a lawyer or know where to turn when challenging legal issues arise,” said MBA President Christopher P. Sullivan. “It’s an important part of our commitment as the statewide bar association to increase access to justice for every resident of the commonwealth.”

*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.*