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**CNN Senior Political Analyst David Gergen to Deliver Keynote
at Massachusetts Bar Association Annual Dinner, April 24**

Sen. Will Brownsberger, Rep. Claire D. Cronin and attorney Francis C. Morrissey among honorees

WHAT: More than 1,000 attorneys and other members of the legal community will gather for the sold-out Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) Annual Dinner, which will feature a keynote address by CNN Senior Political Analyst David Gergen, plus the presentation of several awards.

WHO: MBA President Christopher P. Sullivan will preside over the Annual Dinner, which will also feature:

- **Keynote address:** David Gergen, CNN senior political analyst
- **Legislator of the Year Awards:** Sen. Will Brownsberger (D-Second Suffolk and Middlesex) and Rep. Claire D. Cronin (D-11th Plymouth)
- **2018 President's Award:** Francis C. Morrissey (Morrissey, Wilson & Zafiropoulos LLP)
- **2018 Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Scholarship (\$10,000):** Mario N. Paredes, a third-year law student at the Boston University School of Law
- **2018 Access to Justice Awards** to six attorneys and one law firm
 - **Defender Award:** Maryellen Cuthbert (Law Office of Maryellen Cuthbert)
 - **Prosecutor Award:** Sara A. Colb (Attorney General's Civil Rights Division)
 - **Pro Bono Publico Award:** James T. Van Buren
 - **Legal Services Award:** Annette R. Duke (Massachusetts Law Reform Institute Inc.)
 - **Pro Bono Award for Law Firms:** Nigro, Pettepit & Lucas, LLP
 - **Rising Star Award:** Kathryn Condon Grace, MetroWest Legal Services
 - **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Dick Bauer, Greater Boston Legal Services

WHEN: Tuesday, April 24. Reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

WHERE: The Westin Boston Waterfront, 425 Summer St, Boston, MA 02210

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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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