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Massachusetts Bar Association offers free legal advice to Western Mass. residents by phone, Oct. 30

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Western Massachusetts residents can receive free legal advice on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 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 Oct. 30.)**

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.

“Many people in Massachusetts face unmet legal needs because their work schedules or other commitments prevent them from connecting with a lawyer, or they are unsure of where to go for help,” said MBA President Christopher A. Kenney. “Our Western Mass. Dial-A-Lawyer program provides local residents with free and convenient access to a knowledgeable team of volunteer lawyers, who help us fulfill our continued commitment to increasing access to justice across the state.”

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.