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**Incoming Massachusetts Bar Association President  
Christopher A. Kenney to Promote Civic Responsibility**  
*New leadership team takes office for 2018-19 MBA year on Sept. 1*

BOSTON, Mass. — Attorney Christopher A. Kenney, a founding member and managing shareholder of Kenney & Sams PC in Boston, has been elected president of the Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) for its 2018-19 year, beginning on Sept. 1. During his year as president, Kenney will seek to strengthen the MBA's role as a partner to the legal profession, and promote civics and civic responsibility in Massachusetts through education, empowerment and engagement.

Alongside Kenney, the other 2018-19 MBA officers include President-elect John J. Morrissey, Hingham; Vice President Denise I. Murphy, Westwood; Treasurer Thomas M. Bond, Hopkinton; and Secretary Grace V.B. Garcia, Braintree. Martin W. Healy is the MBA's chief legal counsel and chief operating officer.

**About MBA President Christopher A. Kenney**

Kenney has tried cases before every level of the state and federal trial court system in Massachusetts, and in several other states across the country. He has also served as an appellate advocate before the Massachusetts Appeals Court, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

A member of the MBA's Executive Management Board, Kenney also serves as co-chair of the MBA Leadership Academy, a position he has held since the Leadership Academy's inception in 2016. He is a former chair of the MBA's Civil Litigation Section and the MBA's Consumer Advocacy Task Force, and he has also served in the MBA's House of Delegates.

In addition to his work with the MBA, Kenney is a former president of the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association (MassDLA), former president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and former co-president of the Boston Inn of Court. The MassDLA named Kenney the 2012 Massachusetts Defense Lawyer of the Year. He has consistently been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* since 2009.

Kenney has served as an adjunct faculty member at Boston University School of Law, and frequently writes and lectures for business groups, trade associations and bar associations. Most recently, Kenney was appointed to serve as the director of the IADC Trial Academy at Stanford University Law School.

Kenney earned his B.A. from the College of the Holy Cross (NCAA Scholarship) and his law degree from Boston University School of Law (Paul J. Liacos Scholar). Boston University School of Law honored Kenney in 2012 with the Silver Shingle Award for outstanding service to the school. Kenney lives with his wife and four children in Sudbury.

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## About the Other Members of the MBA's 2018-19 Leadership Team

**President-elect John J. Morrissey** is a trial attorney and a founding partner of Morrissey, Wilson & Zafiroopoulos LLP in Braintree. He practices in the areas of plaintiffs' personal injury, including wrongful death, catastrophic injury and workers' compensation claims. He also represents individuals and businesses in commercial and real estate disputes. Morrissey was appointed to the Board of Bar Overseers of the Supreme Judicial Court in 2015, and in 2017 was appointed to serve as vice chair. A Hingham resident, Morrissey graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1989, and from Boston University School of Law in 1992.

**Vice President Denise I. Murphy** is a partner at the law firm of Rubin and Rudman LLP in Boston, and chair of its Labor and Employment Department. She counsels regional and national businesses on a broad variety of employment law-related issues; litigates sexual harassment and discrimination claims; conducts independent investigations; and drafts a multitude of employment contracts, severance agreements, handbooks and policy statements. A Westwood resident, Murphy graduated from the University of Massachusetts Boston in 1980, and she received her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in 1988.

**Treasurer Thomas M. Bond** is a founder and managing partner of the Kaplan/Bond Group in Boston. A trial lawyer and admiralty lawyer who has specialized in litigation for over 30 years, Bond's trial practice includes admiralty and maritime law, construction, product liability, automobile, personal injury and general liability. He has tried many cases, and has argued or briefed over 25 cases before various courts of appeal, including the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, the Supreme Judicial Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, and the Supreme Courts of Connecticut and New Hampshire. A Hopkinton resident, Bond graduated *summa cum laude* from Northeastern University in 1982, and from Suffolk University Law School in 1985.

**Secretary Grace V.B. Garcia** is a partner at Morrison Mahoney LLP in Boston, where she has 20 years of trial experience and has obtained successful outcomes on behalf of her clients in both state and federal court. She concentrates her practice in the areas of product liability, construction law, OSHA, commercial litigation, employment litigation, premises liability and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) cases. In 2013, Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly selected her as one of the "Top Women of the Law." A Braintree resident, Garcia graduated with honors from the University of Rochester in 1994, and from Boston University School of Law in 1998.

**Chief Legal Counsel and Chief Operating Officer Martin W. Healy** serves as the Massachusetts Bar Association's chief legal advisor, as well as the MBA's liaison to the legislative, executive and judicial branches. He is responsible for providing legal advice in corporate matters and legal support in issues of public policy concerning the practice of law and the administration of justice. In addition, he serves as counsel to the MBA leadership team and the MBA House of Delegates and Executive Management Board. Healy graduated from Suffolk University in 1985. He went on to earn his J.D., *cum laude*, from Suffolk University Law School in 1988.

Full bios and photos for all MBA officers are available upon request.

*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.*