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**DNA-Evidence Pioneer Barry C. Scheck to Deliver Keynote at
Massachusetts Bar Association Annual Dinner, May 9**

State Rep. Christopher M. Markey, U.S. District Court Judge Timothy S. Hillman among honorees

WHAT: More than 1,000 members of the legal community will gather for the sold-out Mass. Bar Association (MBA) Annual Dinner, featuring an awards presentation and a keynote address by nationally renowned trial attorney, professor and DNA-evidence pioneer Barry C. Scheck.

WHO: MBA President Christopher A. Kenney (Kenney & Sams PC, Boston) will preside over the Annual Dinner, which will also feature:

- **Keynote address:** Barry C. Scheck (Innocence Project; Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; Neufeld, Scheck & Brustin LLP)
- **Chief Justice Edward F. Hennessey Award:** Hon. Timothy S. Hillman (U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts)
- **Legislator of the Year Award:** State Rep. Christopher M. Markey (D-Dartmouth)
- **2019 President's Award:** Christopher P. Sullivan (Robins Kaplan LLP)
- **2019 Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Scholarship (\$10,000):** Anna Shaddae Rodriguez (Third-year law student, Northeastern University School of Law)
- **2019 Access to Justice Awards** to six attorneys and one law firm:
 - **Defender Award:** Tinia L. Snow (Committee for Public Counsel Services)
 - **Prosecutor Award:** Adrian Bispham (Suffolk County District Attorney's Office)
 - **Pro Bono Publico Award:** Stephen A. Smith (Law Office of Stephen Smith, Millis)
 - **Legal Services Award:** Luz A. Arévalo (Greater Boston Legal Services)
 - **Pro Bono Award for Law Firms:** Sherin and Lodgen LLP (Boston)
 - **Rising Star Award:** Gina Plata-Nino (Central West Justice Center, Worcester)
 - **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Judith Liben (Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Boston)

WHEN: Thursday, May 9. Reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

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

**** For press access, please email Jason Scally (jscally@massbar.org) by Wednesday, May 8 ****

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