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## **Massachusetts Bar Association Offers Free Legal Advice to Western Mass. Residents by Phone, June 27**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Western Massachusetts residents can receive free legal advice on Thursday, June 27, 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 5 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 5 to 7 p.m. on June 27.)**

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.

“When legal issues arise, it’s best to have a lawyer in your corner. But that’s not always possible for many people in Massachusetts who are struggling with financial hardships or other obstacles, or just don’t know where to turn for help,” said MBA President Christopher A. Kenney. “Our Western Mass. Dial-A-Lawyer program increases access to justice across Massachusetts by giving local residents an opportunity to get their legal questions answered at no charge by knowledgeable, local volunteer lawyers.”

*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.*