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New Massachusetts Bar Association President John J. Morrissey Seeks to Improve Lawyer Well-Being, Civility

BOSTON, Mass. — Attorney John J. Morrissey has been elected president of the Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) for its 2019-20 year, which begins Sept. 1. During his year as president, Morrissey will lead the bar’s efforts to improve lawyer well-being and civility, with a focus on diversity and inclusion at the MBA and across the profession.

“The Massachusetts Bar Association’s doors have been open to *all* lawyers in the commonwealth since its founding nearly 110 years ago, and the fellowship of diverse members and ideas remains the MBA’s greatest strength,” said Morrissey. “In the months ahead, I look forward to growing our association and tackling some of the biggest challenges impacting our profession today, including the stigma of mental health and substance use disorders, stress, incivility, isolation, and other barriers to wellness identified in the Supreme Judicial Court’s July 2019 report on lawyer well-being.”

A founding partner of Morrissey, Wilson & Zafiroopoulos LLP in Braintree, Morrissey practices in the area 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. An accomplished trial lawyer, Morrissey has been named a New England Super Lawyer by *Super Lawyers* every year since 2005.

Morrissey is a member of the MBA’s Executive Management Board, the Leadership Academy Steering Committee and the Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Scholarship Committee; co-chair of the MBA Trial Academy; and an arbitrator on the Fee Arbitration Board. He has also served in the House of Delegates, and as chair of the MBA’s Judicial Administration Section Council. In 2013, Morrissey volunteered for the MBA Marathon Bombing Victims’ Legal Assistance Program, where he provided free legal services to victims of the Boston Marathon bombing.

Appointed to the Board of Bar Overseers of the Supreme Judicial Court in 2015, Morrissey currently serves as chair. He has also served on the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys’ Board of Governors and its executive committee. Morrissey is a life fellow and has served as a member of the Grant Advisory Committee of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation.

Morrissey is a director of Independent Bank Corporation and Rockland Trust Company, and serves as chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee and a member of the Trust Committee. Morrissey also served as a commissioner of the Hingham Conservation Commission, appointed by the board of selectmen, between 2014 and 2017.

Morrissey graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in 1989, and from Boston University School of Law in 1992. He lives in Hingham with his wife and three daughters.

Alongside Morrissey, the other 2019-20 MBA officers include President-elect Denise I. Murphy, Vice President Thomas M. Bond, Treasurer Grace V.B. Garcia and Secretary Damian J. Turco. Martin W. Healy is the MBA’s chief legal counsel and chief operating officer. Full officer bios are available at www.massbar.org/officers.

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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