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Massachusetts Bar Association to Present 2022 Access to Justice Awards to Eight Attorneys, Two Firms on June 15 *Former Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III to deliver keynote*

BOSTON, Mass. — The Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) will honor eight attorneys and two law firms with Access to Justice Awards at the MBA Access to Justice Awards Celebration on Wednesday, June 15, at the Framingham Sheraton, from 5:30-8 p.m. This year's ceremony will feature a keynote address from former Massachusetts Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III, who is now the Managing Director at Citizens Energy.

Presented annually by the MBA, the Access to Justice Awards recognize the efforts of attorneys and law firms who have made significant strides in enhancing access to justice. Award winners are chosen by the MBA's Access to Justice Section Council after receiving nominations from MBA members and other attorneys.

The 2022 Access to Justice Award winners are:

- **Legal Services Award:** Sarah Levy, Greater Boston Legal Services, Boston
- **Legal Services Award:** Stephen Matthews, MetroWest Legal Services, Framingham
- **Rising Star Award:** Hannah Tanabe, Greater Boston Legal Services, Boston
- **Pro Bono Award for Law Firms:** Peabody & Arnold LLP, Boston
- **Pro Bono Publico Award:** Martin R. Rosenthal, Law Office of Martin R. Rosenthal, Boston
- **Race, Equity and Inclusion Award:** Freitas & Freitas LLP (Cristina and Debbie Freitas), Lowell
- **Defender Award:** Adrian Angus, Committee for Public Counsel Services, Worcester
- **Prosecutor Award:** Becky Michaels, Northwestern District Attorney's Office, Northampton
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Jayne Tyrrell, Massachusetts IOLTA Committee (ret.), Boston
- **Lifetime Achievement Award (posthumous):** Christopher Kauders, a pioneer in dispute resolution

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.