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Massachusetts has a proud history of bar leadership. Likewise, Massachusetts has a proud history of leadership in technological innovation. It is without surprise, hence, that a group of Massachusetts lawyers has led the nation into the 21st century with the formation of the Internetbar.org (the “IBO”).

MBA member Jeff Aresty established the IBO in April 2005 in order to address issues associated with the practice of law in cyberspace. The IBO recognizes that there has been insufficient attention given to the impact of the Internet on the practice of law. Lawyers and judges do not fully understand the rule of law and the role of the law in the virtual world of the Internet. As globalization and technology advance, the IBO seeks to ensure that emerging questions relating to the rule of law in cyberspace are fully addressed.

The IBO owes its existence to the recognition that our global economy has grown extraordinarily connected. The Internet has produced high levels of personal interactions. As a result, barriers to information have broken down. While some may perceive such technological advances as an obstacle, the opportunity to advance the practice of law is unprecedented.

The bar must remain in lock step with globalization. As the world becomes a smaller place, the public expects lawyers to be at the forefront of developing solutions that are relevant to their lives.

With a view from the top, Larson keeps her hands in state’s projects, politics

Kennedy named MBA Legislator of the Year; Access to Justice Award recipients announced

by Kate O’Toole

Each year, the MBA recognizes a distinguished Massachusetts politician who has made an exceptional contribution to the improvement of the administration of justice. This year, the MBA will honor Senator Edward M. Kennedy, who has represented Massachusetts in the U.S. Senate for 43 years.

MBA President Mark D Mason will present the award to Kennedy on Friday, March 2 at the Annual Dinner – the highlight of the MBA’s Annual Conference.

“Presenting the Legislator of the Year award to Sen. Kennedy is, indeed, an honor for the MBA,” Mason said. “Sen. Kennedy’s compassion and his commitment to the citizens of Massachusetts is extraordinary. We are fortunate to have such a strong representative in the Senate.”

A lifelong resident of Massachusetts, Kennedy received his undergraduate degree at Harvard University and his J.D. from the University of Virginia. First elected to the Senate in 1962 to finish the final two years of his

With a view from the top, Larson keeps her hands in state’s projects, politics

by Bill Archambeault

For one of the state’s most prominent lawyers, Gloria Cordes Larson doesn’t spend much time immersed in the actual practice of law.

But Larson is not the typical lawyer. She is a partner at Foley Hoag LLP in Boston and co-chair of its Government Strategies Group, a role in which she advises clients on a number of federal, state and local regulations and business development plans. She advises clients on specific issues that include real estate development, energy, insurance, environmental permitting, transportation, advertising and Internet privacy. “I consider it a miserable failure if we get to litigation,” she said about representing her clients. “Negotiated solutions are almost always the best.”

Her real expertise comes from her politically savvy and expertise navigating the typically treacherous waters of Massachusetts
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... technological advances lest we find ourselves anachronistic. Indeed, the rapid development of cyberspace, along with online criminal activities, urges our participation in the administration of justice online. As John Adams stated over 200 years ago, “Facts are stubborn things and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.” We should not attempt to change the course of technological advances the Internet has provided. Instead, the bar must educate itself as to the impact the Internet has on the practice of law. Likewise, we must be creative in pursuing relationships in the practice of the law which utilize the Internet to its maximum capability.

The risk of not riding today’s technological wave is that our profession becomes increasingly irrelevant. Many agree that the legal profession is not immune from losing its significance. For example, the availability of online legal information has dramatically changed how the public handles drafting corporate and estate documentation. In Maricopa County, Arizona, online kiosks have provided parties to domestic relations disputes online assistance. Without question, the growth in choice the public maintains in addressing its legal needs inevitably lowers the value of services we, as a bar, have traditionally provided.

In order to advance, we must embrace the qualities of the “digital lawyer.” University of Massachusetts professor Ethan Katsh, Esq., coined the phrase “digital lawyer” in his book, “Law in a Digital World.” A digital lawyer is one who practices law making optimal usage of networked computer technology. Katsh has aptly stated, “The successful digital lawyer is one who knows that he or she is in the information business as much as in the legal business, and that while automation often means that ‘time is money’ in law practice, the more important insight is that ‘information is money.’” In order to advance, we must embrace the qualities of the digital lawyer.

The IBO has created an international community of lawyers from its base in Massachusetts. With the assistance of former MBA Executive Director Susan Waters, the IBO has helped shape the global dialogue relating to the rule of law in a changing world. Through its work, an international network of lawyers has developed online dispute resolution programs, created programs in developing countries to address property disputes, and engaged in online legal colloquia. The MBA is proud to have become the first organization to endorse and co-sponsor IBO’s online courses through the IBO Institute (http://iboinstitute.org).

Perhaps most importantly, the IBO has shown leadership in bringing together a global community of individuals who respect the importance of social and legal advancement through the Internet. The bar must meet the challenges of a world which has changed dramatically through the Internet. Let us unite as the MBA joins the ranks of the digital lawyer, and as we explore the future of our distinguished profession together.

Child Support Guidelines Task Force seeks public comment

The Massachusetts Trial Court Child Support Guidelines Task Force is seeking public comment and suggestions concerning the Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines. Written comments may be submitted to the task force via e-mail at childsupport@jud.state.ma.us or by mail to:

Child Support Guidelines Task Force
Two Center Plaza, Suite 210
Boston, MA 02108

The task force will also hold three public forums where written statements may be delivered and brief oral statements may be made. Oral testimony is not necessary because all written comments will be considered. The public forums will be held in Springfield, Boston and Worcester as follows:

Monday, Feb. 12, 4-6 p.m.
Springfield Hall of Justice, fourth floor
50 State St., Springfield

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 4-6 p.m.
Edward W. Brooke Courthouse
24 New Chardon St., Boston

Thursday, Feb. 15, 4-6 p.m.
Worcester Courthouse
2 Main St., Worcester

All comments submitted during the fall of 2005 have already been forwarded to the task force and will be given consideration during this review. The deadline for submission of all comments is Thursday, Feb. 22. To suggest specific changes to the guidelines, be sure to reference the particular section(s), recommend new language and provide reasons for your proposed changes.
MBA launches a new and improved Web site at www.massbar.org

To better meet the communications needs of its membership, the MBA recently launched its new Web site, which offers a more intuitive navigation and improved content organization. The new site went live on Tuesday, Jan. 16, following more than a year of planning and development.

“This site provides a clean, professional look, offering MBA members direct access to the up-to-date information and tools necessary to support their practice and providing a strong voice on behalf of the legal community as the MBA continues to serve the profession as a leader in the Massachusetts legal community,” said Marilyn J. Wellington, MBA executive director.

The presentation of the new and improved massbar.org is consistent with the styles seen in MBA publications, Annual Conference 2007 promotional materials and other marketing materials. The MBA intends for the site to serve as an improved resource for its many members and the public alike.

“We are pleased to offer the site’s visitors this new and improved tool, powered by the latest technology,” said Rick Aramian, MBA’s business systems manager, who explained that the site was designed and developed internally by MBA staff.

“The MBA Information Technology and Communications departments continue to be engaged in ongoing development and enhancements,” he added.

The MBA welcomes your thoughts, comments and suggestions. To provide feedback, simply select “Contact Us” on the bottom border of the site pages at www.massbar.org.
New IOLTA rule creates opportunities for attorneys

by Jayne Tyrrell, executive director, Massachusetts IOLTA Program

A recent Supreme Judicial Court order has created a unique opportunity for Massachusetts attorneys to help expand access to justice for low-income people. The order has the potential to produce significant new dollars for civil legal services for low-income people, depending, to some extent, on which banks attorneys choose for their Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Accounts (IOLTA) funds.

The IOLTA program raises money for the provision of civil legal services to low-income Massachusetts residents and to improve the administration of justice. Attorneys who handle nominal or short term client funds that cannot earn net income for the client place these funds in pooled, interest bearing IOLTA accounts. IOLTA programs throughout the country are the result of a unique partnership between the banking and legal communities and are a major funding source for legal services programs.

In recent years, however, increases in the interest paid by banks on other types of accounts greatly exceeded increases in IOLTA interest rates. In response, Massachusetts joined eight other states in updating their IOLTA rules to require more parity between IOLTA and non-IOLTA account rates.

In July, the SJC mandated fairer IOLTA rates. IOLTA accounts must now earn the same interest rates as are generally available to similarly-situated non-IOLTA accounts at the same financial institution. Implementation of the revised guidelines went very smoothly, with the IOLTA Committee, participating Massachusetts banks and the Massachusetts Bankers Association working closely together.

Rates paid by banks, however, vary considerably under the new court order. As a result, decisions by attorneys as to which banks they place their IOLTA funds in will have a significant impact on IOLTA revenues.

To help attorneys make the maximum impact on legal services funding, the IOLTA Committee has now published a list of Leadership Banks and Platinum Leadership Banks. Leadership Banks have committed to an IOLTA interest rate of at least 2.89 percent. These banks have recognized that they could afford to pay a more competitive rate on IOLTA accounts and help meet a critical need at the same time. Platinum Leadership Banks have, in addition, shown a long-term commitment to their communities by maintaining Leadership Bank status for two years or longer.

“We are delighted to have supported this program by increasing interest rates on these accounts knowing the additional funding will provide critical legal assistance to those seeking counsel,” said Robert E. Smyth, chairman, president and CEO of Citizens Bank of Massachusetts.

“The IOLTA program is a valuable legal resource to our community and to the many vulnerable people who take advantage of the services this organization provides.”

Since IOLTA’s inception in 1986, low-income Massachusetts residents have benefitted from increased access to legal services in civil cases. Legal services programs are funded by the state and federal governments, foundations, law firm and other private contributions in addition to IOLTA.

However, funding has long been inadequate to meet the need, with legal services programs turning away about half of eligible applicants. With nowhere else to turn, those turned away often come to court unrepresented and consequently at a severe disadvantage. These unrepresented litigants also add significantly to delays in the court system.

Legal services clients include domestic violence victims seeking divorce, child support and custody; families on the verge of losing their homes; individuals wrongly denied government or disability benefits or health care; and elder victims of consumer scams.

Choosing the IOLTA Leadership Banks is both symbolic and a very practical way for Massachusetts lawyers to assure Massachusetts residents access to justice. The IOLTA Committee encourages attorneys and law firms to consider these financial institutions for their banking needs.

The current list of Leadership and Platinum Leadership Banks follows. The list is provided to attorneys requesting information on IOLTA, is published in our annual report and in bar publications. For a full list of participating banks, visit the Massachusetts IOLTA Committee’s Web site at www.maiolta.org.

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Beverly National Bank
Brookline Bank
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Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank*
Cathay Bank
Central Bank
Century Bank
Chelsea-Provident Co-Operative Bank
Chicopee Savings Bank
Citizens Bank*
Citizens-Union Savings Bank*
Commerce Bank and Trust*
Commonwealth National Bank
Crescent Credit Union
Danvers Bank
Dean Co-Operative Bank
Dedham Co-Operative Bank
Dukes County Savings Bank
Eagle Bank
Eastern Bank*
Edgartown National Bank
Enterprise Bank and Trust
Equitable Co-Operative Bank
Everett Co-Operative Bank
First National Bank of Ipswich
First Trade Union Bank
First Republic Bank
Fitchburg Savings Bank FSB
Framingham Co-Operative Bank*
Hampden Bank*
Hudson Savings Bank
Institution for Savings in Newburyport*
Leader Bank
Lee Bank
Legacy Banks
Lenox National Bank
Lewiston Credit Union
Luzo Community Bank
Marlboro Co-Operative Bank*
Marlborough Savings Bank
Meetinghouse Bank
Mellon Trust of New England
Millbury Savings Bank
Monadnock Community Bank
Monson Savings Bank
Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank*
North Brookfield Savings Bank
North Cambridge Co-Operative Bank*
North Middlesex Savings Bank
North Shore Bank
Northern Bank & Trust Company
Norwood Co-Operative Bank
Peoples Bank — Holyoke
Randolph Savings Bank
Reading Co-Operative Bank*
Rockland Trust Company
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank
Sharon Credit Union*
Slade’s Ferry Trust Company*
South Adams Savings Bank
Southbridge Savings Bank*
Southern NH Bank
Sovereign Bank
St. JEans Credit Union
Wainwright Bank & Trust Company
Wakefield Co-Operative Bank
Walpole Co-Operative Bank
Ware Co-Operative Bank*
Webster Bank
Westborough Bank
Webster First Federal Credit Union
Wellesley Co-Operative Bank
WestBank
Westfield Bank
Weymouth Bank

In addition to serving as executive director of the Massachusetts IOLTA Program, Jayne Tyrrell is a former president of the National Association of IOLTA Programs. She currently is a member of the MBA’s Access to Justice Section Council, the SJC Expanding Justice Working Group, the BBA’s Delivery of Legal Services and serves on the WBA Board of Directors.

On the national level, Tyrrell is also working with the NAIP Joint Technical Committee, the National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel and the Self Represented Litigation Network.
House of Delegates approves new section, examines Mass. Rules of Professional Conduct

The Jan. 25 MBA House of Delegates meeting took place at the Boston University School of Law. The quickly paced two-hour meeting hosted robust debate on topics of unmistakable importance to the majority of delegates.

Delegates voted to support the coordinated effort to examine Rule 3.5(d) of the Mass. Rules of Professional Conduct, which would permit post-trial lawyer-juror contact. They also voted to refer to committee a recommended amendment related to judgments resulting from the disability of an attorney to Rule 60 of the Mass. Rule of Civil Procedure.

Voting members also approved the establishment of a new General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section. Look for more details in the March issue of Lawyers Journal.

Find or be a mentor in the MBA’s Mentor Program

When confronted with a legal issue you haven’t previously faced, it’s helpful to have an experienced attorney to turn to for advice. With the MBA Mentor Program, that attorney is just a phone call away. Mentors are experienced practitioners, MBA members in good standing, who have practiced law for more than seven years and have volunteered to advise other attorneys on selected legal topics.

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After St. Guillen murder, “Imette’s Law” proposal would require training, background checks for Boston bar and nightclub staff

by Andrea R. Barter, Esq.

The tragic death early last year of Boston native Imette St. Guillen, allegedly at the hands of a New York bouncer with a long criminal history, has put a face to an issue Boston City Council President Michael Flaherty has been working on since 2004: mandatory background checks and training for all bouncers and security staff at the city’s bars and nightclubs.

Under the proposed law, now known as “Imette’s Law,” all bouncers, doormen and floor staff of the city’s bars, clubs and other establishments that serve alcohol would have to undergo a background check for violent histories. They would also have to undergo training on how to prevent problem patrons from entering their businesses and how to deal with them if they do.

Flaherty, who said he began working on the proposed law before St. Guillen was killed, had previously noticed a pattern of alleged incidents between bars’ security and patrons. Although no Boston bouncers have been charged with murder, the Boston Licensing Department received 84 reports of bouncer-on-customer violence between 2004 and June 2006.

“The vast majority of owners of bars, clubs and other establishments provide a safe environment; however, I think mandatory background checks and proper training for bouncers and doormen is a small thing to ask for the safety of those who patronize our bars and night clubs,” said Flaherty.

Although the legislation was not fully addressed in the last council session, Flaherty will resubmit the issue after ironing out implementation issues raised by local business owners. According to Flaherty’s office, Statehouse Rep. James M. Murphy (D-Weymouth) is sponsoring duplicate legislation.

Proponents of Flaherty’s bill believe that bouncers who have had added training will be less likely to resort to physical violence because they’ve learned other tactics. In addition, the business owners also could be eligible for insurance discounts after the training.

Michael Kelleher, manager of the Faneuil Hall Marketplace, fully supports the proposal. “I spoke to our establishments. Some had reservations, but I told them it was an inexpensive and needed action to ensure we are providing a safe environment.”

Opponents, including the head of Boston’s Licensing Board, Patricia A. Malone, think the bill needs improvement and is a disproportionate response to the problem. In addition, mandatory training could be cost-prohibitive, especially for smaller bars — a well-founded concern given the frequent turnover in the industry.

Law and employment attorney Denise I. Murphy, Rubin and Rudman LLP, Boston, thinks the legislation is well-intended, but the primary obstacle will be accessing CORI information. Distribution of CORI information is normally limited to certified agencies, such as those which have access to children or the elderly.

“Typically, restaurants and bars aren’t certified to have access to CORI. They’d have to do something about that statute to allow access without imposing liability on the businesses seeking the information.”

Murphy also suggested implementing a mechanism for training bar and restaurant managers on how to access CORI if allowed, and how to confidentially maintain the information.

In addition, she has reservations as to who will be training the bouncers — what are their qualifications and what is considered adequate certification for their training?

“That’s a safeguard for the company and the potential victim. We want people to be trained appropriately,” said Murphy.

Flaherty said, “Anyone with a history of violence is probably not the best person you want at the door to diffuse conflicts,” said Flaherty. “I also think that many of these incidents can be avoided with proper training, which is to everyone’s benefit.”
The Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar Association held its Western Massachusetts holiday celebration on Dec. 13 at Bishop’s Lounge in Northampton and its Boston holiday reception on Dec. 6 at the Anthem in Boston.

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From left are: Kevin J. Redmond, sole practitioner, Provincetown; Chic Wagner, MLGBA co-chair and a partner at Siegel, Wagner & Swartz LLC; John N Affuso Jr. of the Massachusetts Port Authority and an ex-officio MLGBA board member; and MLGBA founder and sole practitioner Katherine Triantafillou.

Plymouth County Bar Association Past President John E. McCluskey (left) passes the gavel to current President J. Russell Hodgdon. Photo by John Black.

From left: Craig Ramos, Residence Inn by Marriott; Tony Wright, MLGBA board member and an associate at Donahue & Grolman; John Postl of Burkinshaw Law Offices PC; David Eppley, an MLGBA board member and associate at Rackemann Sawyer & Brewster; Christina Miller, MLGBA co-chair and a Suffolk County assistant district attorney.

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In addition, Benjamin F. Harley, the first assistant registrar of the Plymouth Division of the Probate and Family Court Department, was nominated to the Board of Directors, and Brockton attorney David M. Asack was nominated to fill the remainder of Scott Peterson’s term. The association recognized Brockton attorney John Perenyi with the Alan Hale Award. Bernard Goodman, the chief court officer of the Brockton Trial Court, received the Excellence in Judicial Administration Award.

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Sally C. Stratman is the executive director of Rubin and Rudman LLP in Boston and a member of the MBA’s Law Practice Management Section Council.

Q: I run a small three-attorney general practice in the suburbs. We have very few resources for business promotion. Do you have any ideas that would work for us but not cost an arm and a leg?

A: Sure. First, start with the clients you already have, and give them the very best service and attention you can. This means returning their phone calls and keeping them in the loop. I’m told that a frequent complaint of clients to the Board of Bar Overseers relates to the failure of attorneys to keep their clients up to date on the progress of a case and to respond to phone calls. Make it a rule in your office that no phone call goes unanswered for longer than 24 hours.

An even better marketing tool is to contact your clients proactively at least once a month with a quick phone call to let them know where their case stands and what to expect next. If you are handling a roster of cases for one client, a monthly up-date is a winner.

I’ve been told that on average one relates a story about a job well done to three others, but passes complaints to or at least 17 others. Those numbers may be the stuff of urban legend but you get my point. You want clients saying nice things about you and your response to their needs.

Consider doing client surveys. Clients like to be asked for an opinion only to have nothing change in return, and, if appropriate, change your ways. How annoying to give them a forum to pass on a complaint. Listen carefully, and, if appropriate, change your ways. How annoying to be asked for an opinion only to have nothing change in response.

I suggest a client survey be done in person rather than by mail or telephone. It gives you a reason to visit and relate to your client. They should also include questions about which you are knowledgeable. This advice also applies to legal work you give to others. What is the nature of that work?

Other marketing efforts include holiday cards, informational bulletins and seminars. Distinguish your firm by sending a card on the anniversary of a client’s firm’s founding or a birthday card to a referral source.

With database programs like Access in your Microsoft Office Suite, there is no reason for any small office not to have a marketing address data base to use for mailing labels and critical dates. This database should include every attorney you know, every client, consultant, expert witness, family member, school alum, and every fellow club member, always assuming the contact is not prohibited by conflict or other ethics rules. It will build over time, and provide you with a surprising wealth of contacts.

Bulletins and seminars may seem out of reach of the small firm, but that is not always the case. An informational bulletin may take the form of a letter informing your clients of a new wrinkle in the law that may affect them. Write it up and use that mailing label data base. Get fancier with a newsletter produced by one of the many reasonably priced software packages designed for the job. A newsletter delivers the message that you are abreast of changes in the law that might impact your clients and reminds them of your name. Seminars can be as informal as inviting half a dozen clients to donuts and coffee in your office conference room some morning to discuss an issue of common concern.

Never pass up an opportunity to speak on a subject about which you are knowledgeable. This advice also includes serving as a faculty member for bar-sponsored seminars. Your peers are a source of referrals, and you will benefit in unforeseen ways from growing your network among fellow attorneys.

Don’t try to do all of these things. Do one of them well, until it is an intrinsic part of your office procedure, and then expand your efforts by taking on another until it, too, is standard operating procedure.

So much of practice development depends on timing, reminding the world out there where you are so they think of you first when they need legal services. Successful business development is a slow and steady process that pays off in the future.

Recommended reading

Product Watch
• Check our RoboForm (www.roboform.com), which has received many favorable reviews, and let us know what you think of it. The product description claims that it will generate secure random passwords, store them securely on your computer and remember them for speedy log-ins and registrations.
• Along the same lines, see this freeware program at www.passwordsafe.sourceforge.com.

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• www.lawcomix.com
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Steps even small firms can take to promote themselves
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politics and development. She advised Institute of Contemporary Art Director Jill Medvedow, helping the ICA win the right to build its striking new museum on the Boston Waterfront’s prized Fan Pier parcel.

A typical day for Larson is largely spent on the telephone or in meetings advising clients on strategic thinking on projects, and sometimes helping them decide how best to get involved in community work.

“I mostly advise clients on how to think about problem-solving. Many of them come to me because I have that broader perspective (about how the public process works),” she said. “While I like the practice of law, I find strategic thinking more and more interesting.”

From Foley Hoag’s offices on the 16th floor in World Trade Center West, she can appreciate both the new ICA and the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, an $800 million project she helped steer to a successful opening in 2004.

She’s carved a niche for herself as a not-always-behind-the-scenes player in Massachusetts politics. And she’s been a pivotal figure regardless of whether the corner office on Beacon Hill is occupied by a Republican or Democrat. She’s even been mentioned as a potential candidate for public office from time to time.

“I’ve never felt a particular partisan bent,” she said, describing herself as either a “liberal Republican” or simply, “a centrist.”

The flexibility and ease she exhibits in working with both Republicans and Democrats has kept her in high demand since Gov. William Weld recruited her to Massachusetts in the early 1990s, including serving as the Massachusetts secretary of economic affairs from 1993 to 1996. Now, she’s an enthusiastic supporter of Gov. Deval Patrick, having chaired his business cabinet while he was a candidate, and then, after his election, co-chairing his transition committee. She’s proud of putting together what she believes is the state’s most diverse cabinet ever.

Larson said she had known for a year that she wasn’t going to support Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey, but she hadn’t decided who she would endorse. Then, a month before the Democratic primary, she was struck by the enthusiasm Patrick’s campaign evoked in a couple of young Foley Hoag lawyers she respected.

She says she’s happy to serve Patrick’s administration in whatever way she can, largely because she sees Patrick as the right candidate at the right time for Massachusetts.

“This governor is all about making the state better for everyone,” she said. “That gives me goose bumps just thinking about it.”

But it’s not politics that matters to Larson, but rather, public policy. Which is why she doesn’t see herself ever running for office.

“I think there’s a misperception about my genuine interest,” she said. “I’ve had the chance to do something that I consider broadly important” by serving as the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority chair and helping set the tone for public policy debate through MassINC.

“I mostly advise clients on how to think about problem-solving. Many of them come to me because I have that broader perspective (about how the public process works). While I like the practice of law, I find strategic thinking more and more interesting.”

“I’m not inclined to run for office because I’ve found a different avenue to serving. There are other ways to serve. And the older I get, the less interested I am with running for office.”

Not surprisingly, finding enough time for herself her husband and their two Labrador retrievers is a dilemma. Larson recalled how Harvard Pilgrim Health Care President and CEO Charles D. Baker sent her a Christmas card that advised her to “take more time to have some fun,” laughing at the notion that the head of one of the state’s largest health care providers was advising her to slow down.

Larson and her husband have lived in Yarmouthport for 20 years, where she enjoys hiking, swimming and bicycling. But personal time is something of a luxury for someone working for one of the city’s most prominent law firms, “moonlights” as the head of the state’s convention center authority, and sits on the board of groups like the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, Jobs for Massachusetts, Roger Williams University School of Law, the Massachusetts Technology Council, the Massachusetts Women’s Forum and MassINC, the think tank that publishes *CommonWealth* magazine.

Public policy and service have always been strong interests for Larson. After earning her bachelor’s degree, with honors, from Vassar College and her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1977, her first job reflected that. While many of her law school classmates headed off to high-powered, high-paying jobs in Washington, D.C. and on Wall Street, Larson chose a different path, serving as the director of a statewide program in Virginia that provided legal services to low and moderate-income senior citizens.

“I wanted to do something different, something in public interest,” she said. “That’s been a longstanding interest of mine: the ability to work out public policy issues.”

She’s involved in a number of community organizations, including sitting on the advisory board for the Harbor Island Alliance and co-chairing Rosie’s Place Annual Benefit (“I’m a devoted fan of everything they do to help women,” she said.)

She’s also one of a half-dozen honorary chairs of the Massachusetts Conference for Women, which organizes a one-day program attended by 4,500 women this year. Crucial to her success has been the support of Foley Hoag.

“I have a wonderful day job,” Larson said. “The firm has been exceptionally generous. There have been periods of time where I’ll disappear.”

A few years back, she dedicated months to keeping the Convention Center project from collapsing. Gov. Paul Cellucci had appointed her as chair of the MCCA in 1998 (she was reappointed by Gov. Mitt Romney in 2003). She and her team overcame a projected $100 million deficit — and intense public and private criticism — to open the new convention center on time and on budget in 2004.

Most recently, she signed on with the Patrick campaign after the Democratic primary.

“I was very part-time (at Foley Hoag), at best,” she said. “I’m making up for lost time. I owe a lot of people a lot of favors.”
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Kennedy has since been re-elected seven times. He may be best known for his commitment to making health care accessible and affordable for all Americans. He has also fought for education reform, civil and labor rights, immigration reform and tougher environmental laws.

Kennedy is chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee in the Senate. He also serves on the Judiciary Committee and the Armed Services Committee, where he has emerged as a vocal critic of the war in Iraq. He is also a member of the Congressional Joint Economic Committee and the Congressional Friends of Ireland, and a trustee of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

MBA General Counsel Martin W. Healy is proud of the selection of Kennedy as Legislator of the Year. "As a senior member of the Senate, Sen. Kennedy has consistently fought for the working class and endorsed legislation to promote justice and equality for all Americans. Additionally, his work on the independence of the judiciary is unparalleled in Congress. I am thrilled that MBA leaders have chosen to recognize him in this way."

At the Annual Dinner, Kennedy will be joined by National Public Radio Legal Correspondent Nina Totenberg, who will deliver the keynote speech. In a career spanning more than 30 years, Totenberg has received numerous journalism awards, several honorary degrees and has been recognized by the American Bar Association eight times for her excellence in reporting.

Manuel Medrano, a legal correspondent for ABC News, will also speak at a morning plenary session about diversity in the legal profession. Medrano was formerly a trial lawyer and an assistant U.S. attorney for the Los Angeles office before embarking on his career in broadcasting.

Access to Justice Award recipients announced

The Access to Justice Luncheon, which will be at 12:30 p.m. on the day of the Annual Conference, is a chance to pay tribute to MBA members who make significant contributions to their clients’ lives and communities through their volunteer and pro bono work.

Boston law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP will receive the Pro Bono Award for Law Firms. Located in Boston for only five years and beginning with just 17 attorneys, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP has expanded to 35 attorneys, with each attorney’s annual pro bono involvement averaging more than 50 hours per year.

The Legal Services Award will be given to two attorneys: Robert A. Sable, executive director of Greater Boston Legal Services for 15 years, and Richard McMahon, the executive director of the New Center for Legal Advocacy in Bristol County. Sable and McMahon have dedicated their entire careers to legal service work, together combining for more than 60 years of efforts.

S. Stephen Rosenfeld, aside from his most well-known position as Governor Dukakis’ chief of staff, has established a career in private practice, public service and teaching. The MBA will honor him with the Pro Bono Publico Award for his tireless advocacy for individuals’ rights to adequate health care.

The recipient of this year’s Defender Award is Wendy Wolf. A public defender in Cambridge, Boston and Dedham for more than 20 years, she has spent much of the last decade representing juveniles. For the past four years, Wolf has also formed and administered the Juvenile Defense Network, which provides support for lawyers in juvenile courts across the state.

Attorney Raymond P. Veary Jr. will receive the Prosecutor Award in recognition of his work at the Bristol County District Attorney’s Office. Described as a “prosecutor’s prosecutor,” Veary has successfully prosecuted a significant number of homicide cases in Bristol County.

In addition to award ceremonies and prestigious speakers, the Annual Conference will be packed with CLE programming applicable to all types of attorneys, from a small-firm family law practitioner in Lenox to a civil litigator at a large Boston firm. CLE seminars will cover the year’s recent developments in the various fields of law. The conference will also include “Hot Topics” sessions, which will deal with broader topics such as career development and client relations.

For more information about the Annual Conference or to register, see pages 18-19, or visit www.massbar.org.
Pro Bono Opportunities Guide available online

For many years, the MBA has offered its membership an opportunity to access statewide and local organizations that are in need of pro bono services from attorneys, law students and paralegals. These services can range from actual client representation to the training of staff.

The MBA supports attorneys in the commonwealth in their efforts to provide pro bono services to those of limited means. Listed online are more than 100 agencies with a wide range of legal needs.

To identify a volunteer opportunity that meets your needs, you may search by keyword, category and/or county. To access this information, please visit: www2.massbar.org/publications/phog/.

Please be sure to check back throughout the year to stay aware of seasonal opportunities or late additions to the guide.

Please help us expand the Pro Bono Opportunities Guide. If you currently volunteer for an organization which is not listed in the guide, or are aware of other organizations in need of attorney volunteers, please let us know so that we may offer them an opportunity to be listed in the guide.

Dial-A-Lawyer program needs volunteers

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer and assist people who are in need? Are you having a problem finding the time to volunteer because of your busy schedule and other commitments? The Dial-A-Lawyer program may be the best volunteer program for your schedule and interests.

The MBA is seeking attorneys who have some time, once a month, answering basic legal questions from the public on the telephone.

We need your help! To volunteer, call (617) 338-0556 or e-mail lrs@massbar.org.

Mock Trial volunteer judges needed

The MBA invites you to volunteer as a judge in the 22nd Annual Statewide High School Mock Trial Tournament. The program places students in a simulated courtroom situation where they assume the roles of lawyers and witnesses in a hypothetical case. This year’s case involves a trial before a judge in district court, on a criminal matter involving a young driver charged with a serious driving offense.

If you are interested in volunteering your time as a judge, call (617) 338-0570 or e-mail mocktrial@massbar.org. You may volunteer for one trial (a 1-3 hour commitment) or more. You do not need expertise in a specific area of law to be a Mock Trial judge.

Expand your client base with the LRS program

As of Feb. 1, MBA members can join the Lawyer Referral Service and begin receiving referrals immediately.

Over the past few years, the LRS has expanded its marketing of the program throughout the commonwealth with radio campaigns and advertising in the Boston Yellow Book. The LRS is advertising in almost every Verizon Yellow Page book, allowing you to receive referrals within your community. This year, the LRS has expanded its marketing approach to include targeted mailings of brochures, flyers and posters to all public libraries, courts, senior centers, councils on aging, etc.

In addition, members may have noticed the LRS’s “new” professional look which debuted mid-2006. This new look has been used in all new advertising and will be introduced this spring when the LRS begins its marketing on the MBTA.

If you join now, your LRS membership will be good until March 31, 2008. If you are interested in learning more about the LRS or receiving an application, please call (617) 338-0556 or e-mail LRS@massbar.org.

Volunteers needed for Elder Law Education Program on Law Day

This May, in celebration of Law Day, the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys will once again present the Elder Law Education Program.

This year, we are excited to announce a new direction in the Elder Law Education Program. With the assistance of a group of volunteers form the MBA’s Probate Law Section Council, we have prepared “Taking Control of Your Future: A Legal Checkup,” a resource guide which will be distributed to all participating agencies. The guide will contain information on a wide range of legal issues affecting the lives of seniors and will allow participating agencies to select to have a presentation on any of the topics included in the guide.

Examples of presentation topics could include:

• How to protect your home and assets;
• Power of attorney & health care proxies;
• Reverse mortgages;
• Medicare/Medicaid changes; and
• Alternatives to nursing home care.

During the month of May, MBA members throughout the state will volunteer their time to speak at their local senior center or council on aging. Last year, more than 140 centers participated in the program, providing attorneys with many opportunities to connect to their communities, while providing seniors with valuable information on legal issues affecting their lives.

We are currently seeking elder law attorneys to volunteer to make presentations in their communities. If you are interested in volunteering, please call (617) 338-0695 or e-mail communityservices@massbar.org.
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Woburn site to alleviate Middlesex County Superior Courthouse woes

The construction of a temporary courthouse is expected to allow business to continue while the Edward J. Sullivan Courthouse in Cambridge is being renovated and asbestos is removed.

Approximately 200 employees of the Middlesex County Superior Court will occupy 140,000 square feet comprising 15 courtrooms and office space in the new location at 2100 Trade Center Park, Sylvan Road, in Woburn.

The lease agreement with Trade Center Park LLC was announced by Chief Justice for Administration and Management Robert A. Mulligan and Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) Commissioner David B. Perini.

Mulligan said, “I am delighted that the City of Woburn recently approved the site plan and issued the courthouse building permit. We can now move forward to construct a modern court facility for the judges and staff of the Middlesex County Superior Court. This well-designed building will be a dignified and efficient work environment for judges and court employees and will serve to provide access to justice for the citizens of the commonwealth.”

Perini said, “This is a great milestone in our effort to rehabilitate the Edward Sullivan Courthouse in Cambridge. This facility will provide an excellent temporary location for the Superior Court while the renovation work is being accomplished.”

Estimates of the length of the renovation work vary from three years to more than five, and costs are estimated to exceed $130 million.

Dennis A. Clarke, president and chief operating officer of Cummings Properties LLC, the managing agent for Trade Center Park LLC, said, “We are committed to building a first-rate court facility, which will accommodate the needs of the judges, employees, attorneys and the public. I look forward to continuing the collaborative relationship that has been established with the Administrative Office of the Trial Court and the Division of Capital Asset Management.”

According to Clarke, the foundation work, which began in early January, and the erection of the steel framework for the seven-story concrete-faced building, is “on track.”

The Administrative Office of the Trial Court, the Division of Capital Asset Management, and Cummings Properties said that their shared goal is to have the building completed by Dec. 31, 2007.
Dwyer establishes new protocol for inspecting victim’s treatment records

by Peter T. Elikann

The full-length version of this article will appear in the volume 9, issue 2 edition of Section Review. Peter T. Elikann is an author, Court TV Network commentator and member of the MBA’s House of Delegates. He can be reached at peter@elikann.com.

It is unlikely that anywhere else in law there is a more stark contrast between two legitimate competing interests that are so difficult to reconcile than those that are subject to so-called “Bishop/Fuller” motions. Here, a defendant’s due process right of access to potential exculpatory evidence in order to have a fair trial appears to directly conflict with a sexual assault victim’s need for private counseling or therapy records to remain confidential.

The “Bishop/Fuller” protocol is the multi-step series of motions a defendant files to attempt to gain access to a victim’s statutorily privileged counseling records.

The evolving law surrounding Bishop-Fuller motions, grounded in Mass. R. Crim. P. 17 (a)(2) which governs access to records held by third parties not under the Commonwealth’s control, has been a troubling battleground for years.

On the one hand, one side views it as repugnant that a search through a victim’s therapy or rape counseling records be allowed. They view this as a second victimization where the victim’s private confidences can be trampled through and exposed to all. It might have a chilling effect preventing sex abuse victims who are desperately in need of therapy from seeking help or even reporting the crime because they fear these records could be used against them.

On the other hand, advocates for the accused say it is incontrovertible that false accusations do, in fact, sometimes occur and it would be a catalytic injustice if the truly innocent are convicted and incarcerated when access to this information could vindicate them.

Defense counsel claimed that two barriers in particular seemed insurmountable. They were that:

A. Under the protocol, a judge could view the sought-after records in camera to determine their relevancy. However, the judge might do an inadequate job in light of the fact that the judge is not an advocate and may not be familiar enough with the case prior to trial.

B. A Catch-22 existed in that counsel would have to very specifically know what was inside the sought-after records before asking to inspect them to ensure that defense counsel was not going on a generalized “fishing expedition.”

So here is the dilemma—how does one protect a victim from a defendant’s possible fishing expedition to expose and trash that legitimate vulnerable victim’s shared innermost feelings while, simultaneously, allowing accused citizens access to records to prove their innocence?

This process as clarified by Commonwealth v. Bishop, Commonwealth v. Fuller and Commonwealth v. Lampron has satisfied no one. To be sure, it is extremely rare that a defendant has been successful. This is because of, what the SJC recently admitted in Commonwealth v. Dwyer was a rigorous “court-imposed requirement all but impossible to satisfy.”

In Dwyer, a new protocol was introduced for all future cases that have not yet been tried.

The court stated this was necessary primarily because, “Experience has also confirmed that trial judges cannot effectively assume the role of advocate when examining records. Requiring judges to take on the perspective of an advocate is contrary to the judge’s proper role as neutral arbiter.”

The court additionally noted that “In our adversary system, it is enough for judges to judge. The determination of what may be useful to the defense can properly and effectively be made only by an advocate.” It then went on to state that “Despite their best intentions and dedication, trial judges examining records, before a trial lack complete information about the facts of a case or a defense to an indictment, and are all too often unable to recognize the significance, or insignificance, of a particular document to a defense.”

The key tenets of the new protocol

1. All third party records should be regarded as privileged unless the holder of the privilege makes a waiver.

2. Non-privileged records can be shared by counsel with the defendant, but not with the public.

3. Only counsel of record for the defendant who summoned the privileged records will be able to review them. Counsel must first sign and file a protective order containing stringent nondisclosure provisions.

4. Counsel for the defendant may not copy or share these privileged records with either the defendant or the defendant’s investigator or expert unless the court grants a motion for a specific need-based modification of the protective order.

5. Counsel who copies or shares the privileged records with the defendant or anyone else without first having obtained the court’s permission is subject to mandatory reporting of this violation to the Board of Bar Overseers.

6. The initial protective order would also bar the prosecution from looking at the records being reviewed by the defendant’s counsel.

7. The initial protective order would not allow the defendant’s counsel to copy the privileged records even though counsel is permitted to read them.

8. The new protocol will be applied to cases tried only after the issuance of the rescript of the Dwyer case.
Day, Berry & Howard elevates Gutkoski to partner


Gutkoski focuses his practice in the areas of patent and intellectual property litigation. He represents companies in national and international disputes involving pharmaceuticals, electronic circuits, sound waves, lasers, semiconductors, telecommunications and mechanical engineering.

Formerly associated with Hale and Dorr LLP and a special assistant district attorney for Middlesex County, Gutkoski has been with Day, Berry & Howard for three years. He is a member of the American, Massachusetts and Boston Bar Associations.

Gutkoski received his bachelor’s degree from Boston University, where he graduated magna cum laude with distinction and his J.D. from New York University School of Law. He lives in Charlestown.

SJC appoints the Hon. Paul F. LoConto to Commission on Judicial Conduct

The justices of the Supreme Judicial Court announced the appointment of Worcester District Court First Justice Paul F. LoConto to the Commission on Judicial Conduct for a six-year term that became effective on Dec. 1, 2006. LoConto succeeds Springfield District Court Judge William W. Teahan Jr., whose term has expired.

LoConto was appointed to the bench in 1985. He served as first justice of the East Brookfield District Court until 1999, when he was named first justice of the Fitchburg District Court. In 2004, LoConto was appointed as first justice of the Worcester District Court. He has served as regional administrative justice since 1999 and has been a member of the Western Appellate Division of the District Court since 1989, presently serving as the presiding justice.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was clerk-magistrate for the Western Worcester District Court for 10 years. LoConto is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Worcester County Bar Association. He is a former member of the Committee on Judicial Performance Evaluation.

LoConto received a J.D. degree from Suffolk University Law School, an LL.M degree from Boston University School of Law, and a bachelor’s degree from Boston College.

Andover attorney elected president of New England Bar Association

Attorney George R. Moore, a shareholder in the law firm of Devine Millimet, has been elected to a one-year term as president of the New England Bar Association.

For more than 25 years, his practice has focused upon complex commercial litigation cases, with trial experience encompassing business and securities litigation, business governance disputes and professional liability matters.

Moore is admitted to practice in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire and actively practices in both states. He sits on the board of New Hampshire Legal Assistance and the New Hampshire Legal Advice and Referral Center. He received his J.D. from Washington & Lee University and his bachelor’s degree from St. Lawrence University.

Early sworn in as new Worcester district attorney

Joseph D. Early Jr. was sworn in as the new Worcester district attorney on Wednesday, Jan. 3, replacing John J. Conte, who served for 30 years and did not seek re-election.

Early worked for five years as a prosecutor in Hampden County and has been in private practice for the past 17 years. He is also a former president of the Worcester County Bar Association. Early received his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and his J.D. from Georgetown Law School.

Baghdady elected president of the Real Estate Bar

Sami S. Baghdady was elected president of the Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts at the annual meeting of the association held in November 2006. He began his term on Jan. 1, 2007.

Baghdady is the founder of Baghdady Law Offices with locations in Arlington and Worcester. He concentrates on commercial and residential real estate, zoning and land use, leasing and business and corporate law. Baghdady is also a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education programs on real estate law and practice.
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For more information and a registration form, see pages 18 and 19 of Lawyers Journal or go to www.massbar.org.

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The MBA has partnered with the Internet Bar Organization Institute to offer six online CLE offerings to MBA members at an exclusive, reduced rate. Members can access and complete these courses at a cost of $50 (non-member cost is $79) by visiting the IBO Institute Web site at www.InternetBar.org.

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Also, by joining the Internet Bar Organization, MBA members can experience further savings on these online CLE offerings.

Tuesday, March 13
Fundamentals of Effective Direct and Cross-Examinations
4-7 p.m.
Western New England College School of Law, Springfield
Course #: CLM07

Hear firsthand tips from top attorneys to help you be more effective in the courtroom. Learn the essential issues and techniques of preparing your witness for direct examination and for the other side’s cross-examination.

Faculty: Mark J. Albano, Esq., program co-chair, Dalsey, Ferrara & Albano, Springfield; Nancy Frankel Pelletier, Esq., program co-chair, Robinson & Donovan PC, Springfield; Hon. Cornelius J. Moriarty II, Superior Court, Springfield; Edward J. McDonough, Esq., Egan, Flanagan & Cohen PC.

Co-sponsors: Western New England College School of Law and the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire county bar associations.

Thursday, March 15
Personal Injury Basics
4-7 p.m.
MBA, 20 West St., Boston
Course #: CLN07

Gain valuable experience and knowledge at this timely seminar addressing both simple and complex personal injury claims. This program examines the basic

MBA Theater Night:
“Dirty Rotten Scoundrels”

Wednesday, March 14
6-10 p.m.
MBA, 20 West St., Boston

The MBA is now offering its latest Theater Night event on Wednesday, March 14: a pre-show reception at 6 p.m. and tickets for the 7:30 p.m. performance of the musical comedy “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” at the Opera House in Boston. Tickets are $100 each, and include a networking reception and a ticket to the show. Call the Member Service Center at (617) 338-0530. There is a limit of eight tickets per person.

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and jurisdiction.

Whether you are a plaintiff or defense lawyer, claims representative or in-house counsel attorney, this seminar will give you the necessary knowledge to handle a personal injury case.


Tuesday, March 27
Recent Developments in Family Law
4-7 p.m.
Western New England College School of Law, Springfield
Course #: FLI07
At this program, our distinguished speakers will review important recent cases and legislation, as well as address some of the challenging issues facing family law practitioners today. Key issues to be addressed include child support; division of assets; custody and visitation; alimony; standing; unmarried couples; and jurisdiction.

Faculty: Veronica J. Fenton, Esq., program co-chair, Law Office of Veronica J. Fenton, Lenox; Mary A. Socha, Esq., program co-chair, Bozenhard, Socha & Ely, West Springfield; Hon. David M. Fuller, Hampden Probate & Family Court.

Dates and locations set for Mock Trial competition finals
More than 100 Massachusetts high schools are competing in the 2007 Mock Trial Tournament, which began Jan. 29. Approximately 230 trials will be held, most of them in February. This year’s final four round will be held at Worcester Superior Court on Tuesday, March 27. The State Championship will be held on Thursday, March 29 in the Great Hall at Boston’s historic Faneuil Hall.

For more information, go to: www.massbar.org/public-and-community-services/mock-trial.

*Additional faculty to be announced
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Wednesday, March 28
Effective Use of Translators in Legal Matters
Noon-2 p.m.
MBA, 20 West St., Boston
Course #: BLF07
Global business and multilingual Americans and foreigners require doing business and litigating in more than one language. Having competent resources to assist in coordination of such matters is vital.

At this luncheon roundtable, our experienced faculty will lead a discussion on the following topics, among others: understanding industry terminology; translating legal documents; providing foreign language deposition support; assembling a translation team; using an interpreter effectively; and interpreter ethics.


Select number of CLEs now offered to legal services attorneys at reduced price
In an effort to support the work of legal services organizations, the Massachusetts Bar Association is pleased to announce a new CLE fee structure being offered to legal services attorneys in Massachusetts.

The MBA will reserve five seats at each CLE program at a reduced rate of $15 for luncheon roundtables; $25 for three-hour seminars and on-site conferences; and $50 for off-site conferences. Reduced rates are available to MBA members and nonmembers alike on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the Member Services Center at (617) 338-0530 to take advantage of this special offer.

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Law students: Apply for 2007 MBF Legal Intern Fellowship Program

The Massachusetts Bar Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are now available for its Legal Intern Fellowship Program (LIFP). Through the LIFP, the MBF awards $6,000 stipends to law students who intern during the summer months at nonprofit organizations providing civil legal services to low-income clients in Massachusetts. Founded in 1996, the LIFP seeks to encourage careers in the law that further the goals of social justice, while contributing valuable legal support to organizations serving the state’s low-income population.

MBF Trustee and LIFP Committee Chair Jenny C. Chou explained, “With these grants, organizations that address the legal needs of the poor are able to attract experienced students to provide needed legal support. Increasingly, law students are realizing the important role the law plays in improving the lives of those in our society who are most vulnerable. And having had the experience of working with a legal aid organization, these students may be more inclined to enter the arena of public service law. It is really a win-win situation.”

Generous funding from the MBF Fellows Fund and the Smith Family Fund makes this program possible. Established together with the MBF in 1964, the MBF Fellows Fund consists of donations from Massachusetts lawyers and judges who serve as fellows to the foundation. Proceeds from this fund are used for initiatives that support the MBF’s mission: to improve the administration of justice, promote an understanding of the law, and ensure equal access to the legal system for all residents of the Commonwealth. The Smith Family Fund was created as a permanent endowment to the MBF in 1989 to provide legal services to low-income individuals, especially to children.

As one of the MBF’s most successful initiatives, the LIFP has enabled law students to put lessons learned in the classroom into practice at organizations across the state. Students repeatedly rave about their experience. For example, Adam Homicz, 2003 MBF Fellow, noted, “The experience gave me invaluable insight into the intricacies of legal aid and taught me more about how law is actually practiced than my entire first year of law school.”

The MBF strongly encourages all interested law students to consider applying to this program. Application materials are available at www.MassBarFoundation.org. Applications must be submitted by March 16. Please contact MBF Executive Director Elizabeth Lynch at (617) 338-0534 or elynch@massbar.org with any questions about the MBF Legal Intern Fellowship Program.

MBF IOLTA Grants Program request for proposals

The Massachusetts Bar Foundation (MBF) is pleased to announce the availability of applications for the 2007/2008 IOLTA Grants Program. The MBF expects to award approximately $3.6 million to non-profit organizations for law-related programs that either provide civil legal services to the state’s low-income population, or improve the administration of justice in the commonwealth.

Application materials are available at www.MassBarFoundation.org. The deadline for application submission is Friday, March 9, 2007. For additional information, please contact the MBF grants office at (617) 338-0534 or e-mail foundation@massbar.org.

The Massachusetts Bar Foundation is the commonwealth’s premier legal charity. Founded in 1964, the MBF is the philanthropic partner of the Massachusetts Bar Association, and is one of three charitable entities in Massachusetts that distributes funds through the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court’s Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program. The Foundation represents the commitment of the lawyers of Massachusetts to improve the administration of justice, to promote understanding of the law, and to ensure equal access to the legal system for all residents of the Commonwealth, particularly those most vulnerable.
MBF honors Lewis, elects officers and trustees at 2007 Annual Meeting

The Massachusetts Bar Foundation bestowed its highest honor, the Great Friend of Justice award, upon Anthony Lewis, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author of Gideon’s Trumpet, at its 2007 Annual Meeting on Jan. 25. Over 150 Foundation Fellows, grantees and colleagues joined in the celebration, which was held at the Social Law Library at the John Adams Courthouse in Boston.

Lewis delivered the evening’s keynote address, noting that “this is a testing time for the American commitment to law.” He illustrated this point by detailing the plight and torture of detainees currently held at Guantanamo Bay, criticizing the legal basis offered by the administration to justify the lack of due process for these prisoners. Lewis ended his remarks by concluding, “The issues raised by these claims of power are more than political. They are legal. They are constitutional. And we count on the lawyers of this country to respond to them.”

MBF immediate Past President Francis A. Ford, an attorney at Fletcher, Tilton & Whipple in Worcester, remarked, “Mr. Lewis has used his role as journalist and author to take issues that are of critical importance to the integrity of the justice system, and put them into a written form that makes them accessible to people from all walks of life.”

Attendees were treated to another inspiring speech when attorney Lindy Aldrich delivered the Grantee Address. Aldrich was awarded an MBF Legal Intern Fellowship in 2005 to work with the Welfare Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services. Aldrich credits the MBF with having been an integral step on her path to becoming a poverty attorney.

“For many of my clients, I offer a chance to be heard, provide a loud voice when they are ignored, and oftentimes create for them a path to justice—one issue at a time,” she said.

The meeting also featured the recognition of more than 70 new Life members of the MBF Society of Fellows, a review of the year’s grantmaking activities, and elections of new officers and trustees. They include:

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Looking to the year ahead, newly elected MBF President Carol A. Witt, a Salem attorney, said, “I am optimistic that our efforts will continue to impact the lives of individuals every day, and will contribute to a stronger civil society in the future.”

Following the meeting, guests enjoyed a reception that was sponsored by US Trust, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the MBA Insurance Agency and BFS Business Printing. For more information about the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, please visit www.MassBarFoundation.org.
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