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Newton, MA--Boston College Law School alumnus Douglas K. Sheff, '84 has been elected president-elect of the Massachusetts Bar Association for its 2012-13 year, beginning on Sept. 1. Senior partner at Sheff Law in Boston and a North End resident, Sheff is a nationally renowned brain injury litigation expert and specializes in all aspects of personal injury law.

Sheff is also a member of the MBA's Executive Management Board and Budget and Finance Committee. In addition, he served as treasurer, two terms as MBA vice president, as MBA secretary in 2008-09 and as chair of the MBA Civil Litigation Section in 2005-06. Sheff is chair of the Workplace Safety Task Force and has also served as chair of the MBA Membership Committee and as co-chair of the MBA Centennial Conference and Ball. He is also a fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the MBA.

In addition to his work with the MBA, Sheff is a past president of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, serving on its Board of Governors for more than 20 years. He was recently honored with MATA's inaugural Excellence in Advocacy Award for his representation of children and adults who have suffered traumatic brain injury.

Sheff also holds the title of governor to the American Association of Justice, where he has spent more than 20 years working nationally and locally on issues that affect the trial bar. Elected by his national peers, Sheff is a past chair of the AAJ's State Delegates and served as chair of its Council of Presidents, representing 50,000 attorneys nationwide. Sheff is a recipient of the AAJ's Next Generation Award and a seven-time recipient of its Wiedeman Wysocki Award.

He was appointed a trustee of the National College of Advocacy, which provides education for lawyers across the United States. Sheff received the ORT Award for integrity in the law. Sheff has also been recognized by the publication, "Lifesavers," for preventing injury through aggressive representation of victims of defective products, and as a Boston magazine "Super Lawyer."

Sheff graduated from the University of Michigan in 1980.

Alongside Sheff, the other 2012-13 MBA officers include: President Robert L. Holloway Jr., Peabody; Vice President Robert W. Harnais, Quincy; Vice President Christopher P. Sullivan, Hingham; Treasurer Marsha V. Kazarosian, Haverhill and Secretary Martha Rush O'Mara, Melrose.

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.

