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Alumni Elected President, Vice Presidents of MBA

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Newton, MA--Three distinguished alumni of Boston College Law School, Richard P. Campbell '74, Jeffrey N. Catalano '94, and Douglas K. Sheff '84, have been elected president and vice presidents, respectively, of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

President-elect Richard Campbell is the founder and shareholder of Campbell, Campbell, Edwards & Conroy PC in Boston, where he represents Fortune 100 corporations and individuals in multi-district litigation, class actions, aviation disasters, mass torts, toxic tort, product liability, commercial disputes and other serious personal injury matters.

Campbell organizes and leads his firm's pro bono project, educating parents, students, and school administrators about civil and criminal social host liability laws. Campbell served seven years as the chair of the Board of Overseers for Boston College Law School. The School honored Campbell with its highest award for dedication to the law-- the Founder's Medal -- and he was the 2009 recipient of the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) Andrew C. Hecker Memorial Award, in recognition for his leadership, outreach, enthusiasm, professionalism and pride in TIPS.

Campbell received his B.A. from the University of Massachusetts in 1970 and went on to earn his law degree from Boston College Law School, cum laude, in 1974.

Vice President Jeffrey Catalano is a partner at Todd & Weld LLP in Boston, specializing in medical negligence. He is also on the board of directors for the non-profit law firm Health Law Advocates, Inc. In 2009, he received a "Hero from the Field" award for his efforts in improving health care quality and patient rights. Catalano was selected as a New England "Super Lawyer" in 2009 and a "Rising Star" by Boston magazine in 2005.

Catalano received his B.A. from the University of Scranton in 1990 and went on to earn his law degree from Boston College Law School in 1994, where he received the law school's Commencement Award for Professional and Personal Achievement.

Douglas Sheff is currently serving his second term as MBA vice president. 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. Sheff 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 received the ORT Award for integrity in the law and has 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 received his B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1980 and went on to earn his law degree from Boston College Law School in 1984.

In honor of its 100th anniversary, the MBA will be celebrating a century of service to the
public, the profession and the rule of law throughout its 2010-11 association year.