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Rubin and Rudman LLP Partner Denise I. Murphy Named President-elect of Massachusetts Bar Association

BOSTON, Mass. — Attorney Denise I. Murphy has been named president-elect of the Massachusetts Bar Association for its 2019-20 year, beginning on Sept. 1. Murphy will serve as a member of the MBA's leadership team under incoming President John J. Morrissey, who 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.

Murphy is a partner at the law firm of Rubin and Rudman LLP in Boston, and chair of its Labor and Employment Department. She counsels regional and national businesses on a broad variety of employment law-related issues; litigates sexual harassment and discrimination claims; conducts independent investigations; and drafts a multitude of employment contracts, severance agreements, handbooks and policy statements.

In addition to serving as president-elect, Murphy is a member of the MBA's Executive Management Board and Budget & Finance Committee. In 2019, Murphy served as the MBA representative on the Supreme Judicial Court's Steering Committee on Lawyer Well-Being, which released a report that made recommendations regarding the state of lawyer well-being in the commonwealth. She currently serves on the Mentoring Program Working Group, which arose out of the SJC's report. From 2015-16, Murphy was the chair of the Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Appointments. She previously served as the chair of the MBA's Labor & Employment Section, and has participated in the association's Task Force on Employment Opportunities, Task Force on the Court System's Anniversary Fee Assessment, and the September 11th Committee's Conversations on Law and Liberty Program.

In addition to her work with the MBA, Murphy is a mentoring circle leader for the Women's Bar Association, a former member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association, a former member of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation's IOLTA Grant Review Committee and a group leader for Christmas in the City. Murphy is also the co-chair of the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers' Chief Counsel Search Committee.

Murphy will be inducted into Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's Top Women of Law Circle of Excellence in November 2019. In 2015, she was honored as one of the Top Women of Law by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, and as one of Boston's Top Rated Lawyers by The Boston Globe. In 2011, Murphy was awarded the MBA's Centennial Award, celebrating her service to the profession and her community. She has been listed as one of Boston Magazine's Top 50 Women Attorneys and as a Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers since 2008.

Murphy graduated from the University of Massachusetts Boston in 1980. She received her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in 1988, where she served as editor of the Suffolk University Law Review. Murphy lives in Westwood.

The MBA's leadership team for the 2019-20 year includes President John J. Morrissey, 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.