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We believe that our greatest resource is the shared knowledge and involvement of our members, from the most senior established shareholder to the most junior associate. Our members are active through publishing, hosting programs, lecturing and chairing our Substantive Law Committees. The MassDLA also is a wonderful place to network, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. It offers not only the Mid-Winter Social and Annual Meeting as times to get together, but miscellaneous programming throughout the year.

Together, our programs, articles and events foster collegiality, education and professionalism in the defense bar.

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2023 ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 2, 2023

INTERCONTINENTAL BOSTON HOTEL

7:30 – 8:15 **Registration and Breakfast**

8:15 – 8:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Christine A. Knipper, Esq.
President of MassDLA
Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz,
Edelman & Dicker LLP

8:30 – 9:30 **DRI Sponsored Speaker
Nuclear Verdicts**

Steven O'Brien, Esq.
Tyson and Mendes, P.C.

9:30 – 10:15 **Recent Developments in
Defense Practice**

Martin Rooney, Esq.
Curley & Curley, P.C.

10:15 – 10:45 **Culprits or Collateral
Damage? Lithium-ion
Batteries in Fire
Investigations**

Dr. Michael Barry
Exponent

10:45 – 11:00 **Break**

11:00 – 11:45 **How to 'Win' at Mediation**

Christopher Kenney, Esq.
Kenney & Sams, P.C.

11:45 – 12:30 **Law Firm Management:
Bridging the Gap Between
Law Firm Economics and
Changing Associate
Expectations**

Erin Higgins, Esq.
*Conn Kavanaugh Rosenthal
Peisch & Ford*
Ava A. Epperson-Temple, Esq.
Peabody and Arnold
Jennifer Creedon, Esq.
*Martin, Magnuson, McCarthy &
Kenney*

12:30 – 2:00 **Luncheon, Keynote
Speaker, and Award
Presentations**

Keynote Speaker
Honorable Camille F. Sarrouf, Jr.
*Associate Justice of the Superior
Court*

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