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## **MURPHY TO BE INSTALLED AS STATE BAR PRESIDENT**

Thomas D. Murphy will be installed as President of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) on June 12, 2010, during the Association's Annual Meeting in Ocean City, Maryland. Murphy, a partner with the Law Offices of Murphy & Mood, P.C. in Rockville, will lead the volunteer association of 23,500 lawyers for the next twelve months.

Murphy will be joined by newly-elected officers: President-Elect Henry E. Dugan, Jr., a partner in the Baltimore County law firm of Dugan, Babij & Tolley, LLC; Treasurer John Patrick Kudel, a solo practitioner in Rockville and Of Counsel to the Rockville-based law firm of Karp, Frosh, Lapidus, Wigodsky & Norwind, P.A.; and Secretary Michael J. Baxter, a partner in the Baltimore City law firm of Baxter, Baker, Sidle, Conn & Jones P.A.

The first Vietnam Veteran to lead the Association, Murphy has dedicated his career to service, in the U.S. military, the legal profession and his local community. He is actively involved in public service and pro bono service and will highlight attorney service and community outreach as MSBA President this year.

After graduating from Wheeling College in West Virginia in 1968, Murphy entered the U.S. Army, engaged in combat service with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam and was honored with a Purple Heart, the Air Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He earned his JD degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1983 and has practiced law as a public defender and solo practitioner. Murphy is now a small firm litigator whose trial work practice includes many areas with emphasis on family law.

Murphy was President of the Montgomery County Bar Association in 1991-92, is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Maryland Bar Foundation and a member of Montgomery County Bar Foundation and the Maryland Trial Lawyers Association. In 1995, he was honored with the Montgomery County Bar Association's Fifth Annual Professionalism Award.