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## MBA task force report examines factors contributing to high unemployment rate of law school graduates

BOSTON, Mass. —The Massachusetts Bar Association’s Task Force on Law, the Economy and Underemployment has released its report, “Beginning the Conversation,” that explores the causes of and potential solutions for the underemployment of recent law school graduates in Massachusetts.

“Many new law students emerge from law schools unequipped to thrive in the current law economy. In their report, the task force analyzes the problems, provides likely reasons behind this phenomenon, and offers suggestions on what may turn the tide around,” MBA President Richard P. Campbell said. “The task force has done a great service for the bar and for society by shining a light on an endemic problem that leaves so many young law school graduates in desperate circumstances.”

The report was accepted by the MBA’s House of Delegates, the association’s governing body, on May 17. The task force was co-chaired by Eric J. Parker, co-founder and managing partner of Parker Scheer LLP in Boston, and MBA Criminal Justice Section Vice Chair Radha Natarajan, a public defender with the Committee for Public Counsel Services in Somerville.

To view the report, visit: [www.massbar.org/conversation](http://www.massbar.org/conversation).

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