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**Boston Bar Association Names Krokidas & Bluestein Attorney
Anjali Waikar a Public Interest Leader**

Boston (May 30, 2012) –Anjali Waikar, an attorney with the Boston law firm of Krokidas & Bluestein LLP, will be among 14 attorneys participating in the Boston Bar Association’s Public Interest Leadership Program (PILP). During the 14-month program, participants will speak with prominent community leaders in order to understand the challenges confronting local organizations, and to identify ways the legal community can better address needs and advance regional goals.

“As a firm, we are enormously committed to the larger community; our clients include some of the region’s most effective non-profits, and our attorneys volunteer in a number of capacities,” said Maria Krokidas, founding partner of Krokidas & Bluestein. “Right from the start, Anjali made it clear that it was important to her that she use her legal skills in a way that supported the community. I am confident that she will make the most of this program and Greater Boston will be the beneficiary.”

In her practice, Ms. Waikar represents non-profit, health care, and social service organizations and charter schools on a variety of legal issues. She joined the firm after serving as the Equal Justice Works Fellow at the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts. Prior to law school, Ms. Waikar advocated on behalf of low-income, HIV-infected people.

“I’m excited to have the opportunity to work directly with community leaders – along with a number of my peers in the legal community – to identify both the challenges and the opportunities before them,” said Ms. Waikar. “The BBA has put a great deal of thought into this program, and I really respect their commitment to civic engagement.”

Ms. Waikar is a graduate of Wesleyan University and earned her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law. She lives in Brookline.

Krokidas & Bluestein provides legal services in the areas of public, non-profit and for-profit general corporate law, health and education law, real estate development, finance and property management, public and private civil litigation, labor and employment law, and social services law. The firm is staffed by 19 attorneys, over half of whom are women, and is certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration and Finance Supplier Diversity Office (SDO (formerly known as the State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA)) as a woman-owned business enterprise.

The Boston Bar Association is a non-profit, voluntary membership organization of 10,000 attorneys drawn from private practice, corporations, government agencies, legal aid organizations, the courts, and law schools. It traces its origins to meetings convened by John Adams, the lawyer who provided pro

bono representation to the British soldiers prosecuted for the Boston Massacre and went on to become the second president of the United States.

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