

# Representative Jeffrey N. Roy Named MATA 'Legislator of the Year'

Representative Jeffrey N. Roy (D-Franklin) was named 'Legislator of the Year' by the Massachusetts Academy for Trial Attorneys (MATA) at their annual dinner in May. MATA is a voluntary, non-profit, state-wide professional association of trial lawyers whose primary purpose is to promote the administration of justice, uphold the honor of the legal profession, and to advance the cause of those who seek redress for injury to persons or property.

"Representative Roy had shown himself to be worthy of the award; he accepted it with grace and in his remarks recounted the details of the 1761 argument by James Otis, Jr. challenging the English Parliament's 'writs of assistance' – said to be the opening event of the American constitutional history," noted Thomas R. Murphy, Esq., the MATA President.

Representative Roy's experience in advocating for others in both his private and public careers has supported people, not

only in the 10th Norfolk District, but throughout the Commonwealth. He has represented people for 33 years as trial lawyer, advocated for education for 10 years as a member of the Franklin School Committee, spent two years on the Franklin Town Council, and now serves on Beacon Hill where he Chairs the Joint Committee on Higher Education and the Legislature's Manufacturing Caucus.

"I was truly humbled and honored to receive the MATA Legislator of the Year award," noted Representative Roy. "Coming from my peers in the law community made it exceptional because I am reminded each day how being a lawyer trained me quite well for my time in the legislature. Indeed, it was a trial lawyer who ignited the flame of liberty in 1761, and it is great to see how well we have done staying on the path to freedom and justice by working together in the 258 intervening years."

Several other advocates were



also honored during the MATA annual dinner. The prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Michael E. Mone, a nationally-known trial lawyer and pioneer in the field of tort litigation. For her Excellence in

Court Management, the MATA recognized Carlotta McCarthy Patten, Second Assistant Clerk at the Essex Superior Court. And, the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project was honored as the Friend of

Justice Award.

Roy was first elected to represent Franklin and Medway in November 2012, and then re-elected in

2014, 2016 and 2018.

## Representative Roy Announces Upcoming Office Hours

State Representative Jeffrey Roy (D-Franklin) announced today that constituent office hours will be held in Franklin and Medway on the following days.

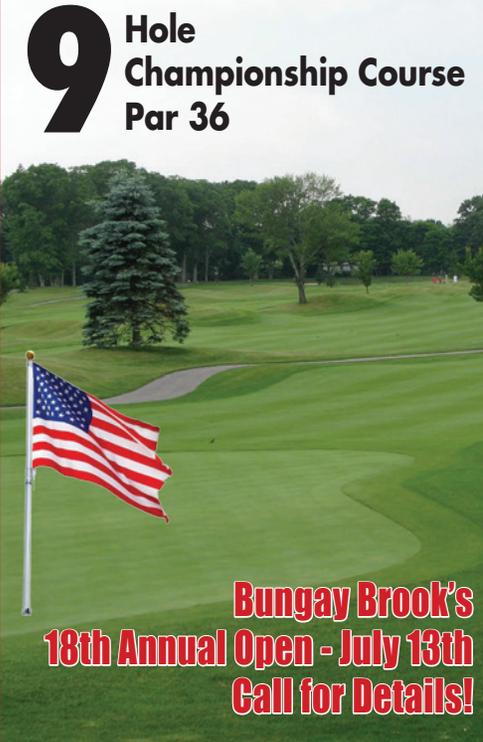
**Franklin** – Thursday July 20th, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. at the Franklin Senior Center  
10 Daniel McCahill Street Franklin, MA

**Medway** – Friday June 26th, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at Galante's Restaurant  
320 Village St. Medway, MA

James Gay, his staff director, will be accompanying him.

Representative Roy stated that all office hours are open to any residents of Franklin and Medway who may have questions or concerns that they wish to bring to his attention. Walk-ins are welcome; no appointment necessary. He looks forward to hearing from you.

He also invites all constituents to call him at his State House office at (617) 722-2030, to stop by Room 43 in the State House, or to email him at [Jeffrey.Roy@MAhouse.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Roy@MAhouse.gov).



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