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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: JOHN SOFIS SCHEFT JOINS BELLOTTI LAW GROUP AS “OF COUNSEL”**

As a former prosecutor, John Sofis Scheft is a skilled advocate in the civil and criminal arena. With the experience that comes from having argued hundreds of motions and trials before superior and district courts around the Commonwealth, John Scheft understands the value of preparation and passionate argument. He knows: Success usually follows the attorney most committed to getting the best results for his client.

At the same time, as a certified mediator, Attorney Scheft recognizes that many cases and controversies can be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties without the expense and drain of a courtroom trial. Mediation is often the best option, especially in divorce and other family disputes.

A noted law enforcement trainer and consultant, Attorney Scheft is the author of several widely read books on Massachusetts criminal law and procedure. He was appointed to Governor Romney’s Commission on Criminal Justice Innovation and then selected, by Governor Patrick’s Executive Office of Public Safety & Security (EOPSS), to prepare a groundbreaking report on reforming police training. Attorney Scheft also served on a statewide advisory group on marijuana decriminalization, better known as Question 2.

A life-long resident of Massachusetts. John Scheft lives with his wife and two children in the Boston area. He is a member of his town’s youth health and safety coalition.

**EDUCATION**

J.D., Northeastern University School of Law, 1986  
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**JURISDICTIONS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

Massachusetts, 1986  
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Middlesex County Assistant District Attorney, Child Abuse Unit  
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**PRACTICE AREAS**

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