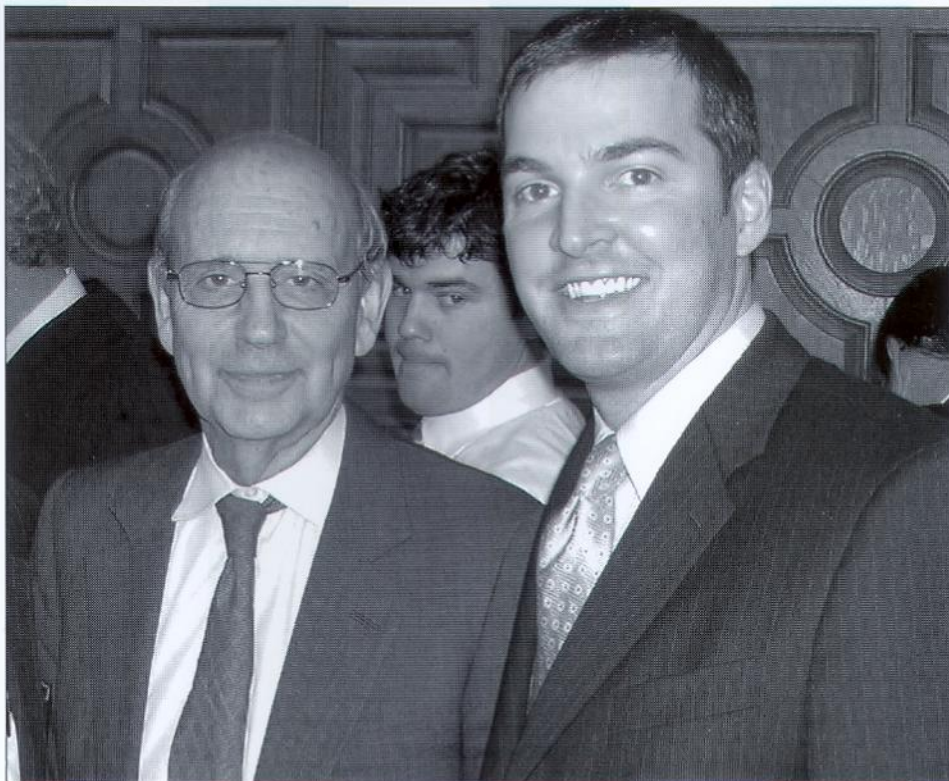


BOSTON — In what may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, father and son Attorneys Mark and Patrick Curley of Curley Law Firm LLP, 1 Common St., met and discussed current legal events with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer and Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall.

The occasion was the March 31 gala Dedication of the John Adams Courthouse in Boston's Pemberton Square. Originally constructed in 1886 and completely renovated over the last three years, the John Adams Courthouse will house the Supreme Judicial Court and the Appeals Court. A Quincy native, Adams served as the first Vice President and second President of the United States. Adams was the principal author of the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780, which is the oldest written constitution in continuous existence in the Western Hemisphere.

As guests of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Curleys enjoyed remarks by some of the finest orators in the country including two-time Pulitzer prize-winning author



**LOCAL Attorney Patrick G. Curley, right, is with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer at last week's John Adams Courthouse dedication.**

and historian, David McCullough, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, and Chief Justice Marshall.

"Several speakers heralded Adams' establishment of the independent judiciary," said Mark. "But they warned of the current threat to judicial independence posed by the executive and legislative branches as evidenced by political actions taken during the Terri Schiavo case." In that regard, the dedi-

cation to Adams was particularly timely, said Patrick.

Following the dedication, the Curleys attended a private reception where they conversed with a who's who of national and state justices and government officials. They also talked with McCullough regarding his acclaimed biography "John Adams" and Adams' tremendous contribution to the Commonwealth and the country.