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## **The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association**

The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) is a nonprofit organization, operating as a center for legal professionalism in the region and promoting the highest ethical and professionalism standards. It was formed in March 2008 by the consolidation of the Cleveland Bar and Cuyahoga County Bar Associations, which brought together more than 135 years of rich history. Its vision is to advance the greater Cleveland legal community as a world-class center of professional excellence and model of community service.

The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation is the charitable arm and partner of the CMBA. It raises funds to support the important public outreach activities of the Association. These activities include a variety of pro bono legal service, law-related education, tutoring and mentoring programs. Additionally, the Foundation assists with the Association's diversity initiatives aimed at improving the pipeline of minority students entering the legal profession.

The CMBA's reach is primarily Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. This geographic footprint makes it the largest legal community in Ohio. It has an operating budget of approximately \$3 million, a staff of 30 and is home to more than 6,000 members.

The CMBA moved to its current location in downtown Cleveland on the second floor of the Galleria in 2004. Its innovative use of nearly 13,500 square feet of retail space includes a dynamic, fully-equipped education center and conference facilities for use by members and the community; comfortable social areas; and amenities of an "office away from the office", including wireless internet access.

CMBA fulfills its mission – to promote the rule of law, sustain and improve the quality of and public trust in the administration of justice and the legal profession, and enhance Greater Cleveland through member, civic and community service and leadership – through professional development and interaction; educational programming; and community engagement and service.

The CMBA has led by example through innovative public service, pro bono programs, diversity initiatives and community partnerships. Volunteer leadership, members and staff have used their experience, knowledge and creativity to develop and sustain significant programs in a way that has benefited the CMBA, its members and the community at large. Among these programs and initiatives are CLEs, volunteer outreach programs, fundraising special events, section and committee projects, and the monthly Bar Journal publication, to name a few. As such, the CMBA has earned an outstanding reputation among the legal and local community, as well as regionally and nationally.

Furthermore, the CMBA is committed to professionalism, service, leadership, justice, diversity, excellence, collegiality and innovation.

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