

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND GOALS

The 3Rs is an unprecedented program of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association undertaken by members of Cleveland's legal community in partnership with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and East Cleveland City Schools. The program aims to have volunteers personally connect with high school students to address fundamental issues facing the students and, ultimately, our city and region. Using a real-world curriculum based on the U.S. Constitution, The 3Rs calls upon teams of volunteers to go to 10th grade social studies classes to work with small groups of students to accomplish the following goals:

- Improve understanding of and respect for the rule of law and our Constitution
- Improve passage of the social studies section of the Ohio Graduation Test
- Provide practical career counseling to focus students on their potential beyond high school
- Improve the "pipeline" of minorities flowing into legal careers in the region

More than ever, Cleveland and East Cleveland public school students need the personal involvement of the community to help them to maximize their potential. The success of these students and the success of our region are mutually dependent. The Cleveland legal community is well-positioned to make a positive impact through volunteer commitment.

PARTNER PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

3RS+

The CMBA is pleased to announce that 2011 will mark the debut of our new 3Rs+ program, in partnership with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Shaw High School in East Cleveland, and the Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland. The 3Rs+ is designed to further the work of The 3Rs by connecting to students in the 11th and 12th grade who desire to work with mentors, for assistance with college application preparation and financial aid planning as well as to broaden their horizons.

3Rs+ volunteers will be recruited for this pilot year to provide the following:

- One-on-one mentoring
- Career shadowing experiences
- Assistance developing field trips to courts, firms, other areas of business
- Serving as a speaker for educational programs for students and/or parents

The 3Rs+ is open to all members of the legal community, including both those who have volunteered with The 3Rs and those who have not yet had the opportunity. Time commitment is based on volunteer availability and interest. For more information about The 3Rs+, please email Jessica Paine at jpaine@clemetrobar.org.

HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

3Rs volunteers are asked to encourage participation among students in the CMBA's High School Internship Program in the spring. The Internship Program provides students in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District who have an expressed interest in the profession of law with an opportunity to work in a law firm, corporate legal department, or government agency as part of an eight-week paid internship to further enable them to decide whether they would like to pursue a career in the legal profession.

Students who have (1) completed their sophomore year of high school in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District; (2) maintained a minimum 3.5 grade point average; (3) attained 90% attendance; and (4) participated in either the 3Rs Program or their high school's respective mock trial program are eligible to participate in the High School Internship Program. 3Rs volunteers will receive more information and applications in the spring.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW CHALLENGE

Each May 3Rs students are invited to showcase their talents and creativity by taking part in the Show What You Know Challenge. Students demonstrate what they learned from The 3Rs Program by performing an original song, skit, poem, or dramatic reading, with the winners receiving cash prizes. As the school year progresses, volunteers should encourage students to prepare submissions and invite teachers to promote participation by offering class credit or other support. More information (including video of past winners) will be provided in the spring.

THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COURTHOUSE CENTENNIAL

2012 marks the centennial of the Cuyahoga County Courthouse. The Courthouse and the CMBA are partnering for this historic event through education and celebration. Look for information about landmark cases and other news of interest to pass along to your students from the CMBA throughout the school year.

3RS SPONSORS

The 3Rs is sponsored by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, with financial support from the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation and the Federal Court Attorney Admission Fund and sponsorship from OfficeMax.

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