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Bar Association Launches “Hot Talks” Series to Facilitate Interactive Discussions on Hot Button Topics

CLEVELAND – February 9, 2017 – In response to the recent expressions of presidential power that have hit hot-button subjects impacting our community – both locally and beyond – the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) is opening its doors and inviting Cleveland to participate in a new series of conversations titled “**Hot Talks**.” The first Hot Talk is set for noon on Tuesday, February 14 at the CMBA Conference Center and will focus on the new immigration policies.

“Reaction from across our country – and, indeed, across the globe – to subjects from the Affordable Care Act and pipeline projects, to the hiring of thousands of new immigration officers and the temporary suspension of refugee admissions into the United States has been swift and loud,” shared Richard D. Manoloff, president of the CMBA. “Meanwhile, at home and elsewhere, other important issues continue to swirl, issues which call out for thoughtful discussion and debate within our legal community and beyond. We wanted to create a way for our community to come together and talk about these important and timely topics.”

Planned for the second Tuesday of each month, Hot Talks will be a series of free, interactive discussions open to CMBA members and the general public. Each talk is to feature speakers with expertise on particular topics and a broad spectrum of viewpoints. Speakers also will field questions from the audience and provide their perspectives. The talks provide an opportunity and environment that is conducive to genuine, respectful give-and-take.

During the coming weeks and months, as the Trump Administration unveils its plans, as the legislative and judicial branches respond and as the temperature rises on hot topics, the CMBA will be creating opportunities for cooler heads to prevail with civil conversations about consequential concerns.

The CMBA mission begins with five simple words: “To promote the rule of law.”

“To believe in the rule of law means that we believe all people and all institutions are subject to and accountable to the laws of our land,” said Rebecca Ruppert McMahon, executive director of the CMBA. “It also means that we believe all laws must be fairly applied and fairly enforced. We stand behind our mission with action.”

The CMBA’s Lawyer Referral Service quickly and efficiently connects anyone in need of legal help with an experienced lawyer. From immigration issues to employment problems, criminal matters and more, we make more than 10,000 connections each year. Anyone can get access to legal help by simply calling (216) 696-3532 or going online to www.CleMetroBar.org/LRS.

The CMBA also strives to fulfill our mission of promoting the rule of law by creating opportunities for the open, civil exchange of ideas and viewpoints across a vast array of subjects – both for our members and the community at large.

“Given the focus on these critical matters of law and justice, we are perfectly situated to offer an opportunity for robust engagement and the exchange of ideas,” added Manoloff. “We look forward to welcoming many to join in the conversations.”

Visit www.CleMetroBar.org/HotTalks for full details.

About the CMBA

The nonprofit Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association operates as a center for legal professionalism in the region, promoting the highest ethical and professional standards. Serving the largest legal community in the state, the CMBA has more than 5,500 members. Learn more at www.CleMetroBar.org.