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## **MEDIA OPPORTUNITY – March 21, 2017**

### **Bar Association Hosts Second “Hot Talks” Series to Discuss Sanctuary and Welcoming Cities**

**WHAT:** The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) is hosting the second in a series of conversations titled “Hot Talks” and is opening its doors and inviting Cleveland to participate. This session will be next Tuesday, March 21, and will offer the opportunity for civil and thoughtful conversations about what it means to be a "Sanctuary City" or a "Welcoming City."

The talk, featuring [David Leopold](#) and [Carol Roe](#), will include explaining the differences between these statuses, as well as the advantages and disadvantages for communities to consider.

Presenting for the **American Constitution Society for Law and Policy** will be David Leopold of Leopold & Associates Co., LPA. David runs a diverse immigration, visa, and citizenship practice and is also a nationally recognized immigration reform advocate, blogger, and public speaker. Leopold has testified as an immigration law expert before the U.S. Congress and is the past president and past general counsel of the Washington, D.C.-based American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

Presenting for the **City of Cleveland Heights**, which voted in February to hold the status of Welcoming City, is At-Large Council member Carol Roe. She is a registered nurse and licensed attorney who has lived in Cleveland Heights for 35 years. Roe also is a founding member and chairperson of Ohio Nurses Democratic Caucus and serves on various committees, including those with the American, Ohio and Greater Cleveland nurse associations.

The event is free and open to the public. Bring your questions, views, and insights to this after-work conversation. The talk will be followed by a cash bar reception.

Visit [CleMetroBar.org/HotTalks](http://CleMetroBar.org/HotTalks) for full details on the monthly Hot Talks series.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 21  
5 - 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association  
1375 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114

#### **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](http://www.CleMetroBar.org).

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