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CMBA Joins Ohio Business Competes Coalition

CLEVELAND – October 4, 2017 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) has joined the Ohio Business Competes coalition, a non-partisan coalition of businesses committed to achieving nondiscrimination policies at the state level in order to attract the best talent, to increase Business-to-Business & Business-to-Consumer relationships, and to grow Ohio's economy.

“The CMBA Board of Trustees unanimously approved joining Ohio Business Competes because our mission is to promote the rule of law, which means we advocate for the fair and equal treatment of all people,” said Rebecca Ruppert McMahon, CMBA executive director. “We are proud to join OBC and to stand beside so many other organizations and businesses that are committed to driving discrimination – in all forms – out of the workplace.”

Alana Jochum, board member of Ohio Business Competes said: "Through their support of Ohio Business Competes, CMBA continues to be a model of community service and leadership. Everybody should have the same opportunities to work hard and find opportunity, and Ohio's nondiscrimination laws should reflect that."

There are 21 states where consumers and employees are protected from being denied jobs, housing and services based upon perceived sexual orientation/gender identity — Ohio is not one of these states. By joining the Coalition, the CMBA is showing its support to encourage Ohio to be a welcoming and inclusive economy for all.

Learn more about Ohio Business Competes at OhioBusinessCompetes.org.

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 5,200 members. Learn more at CleMetroBar.org.

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