MEDIA OPPORTUNITY – February 13, 2018 at noon

Bar Association “Hot Talks” to discuss OH HB 160

WHAT: The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association will host its next “Hot Talks” conversation, titled A Deep Dive into OH HB 160, on Tuesday, February 13 at 12 p.m. This free event is open to all at the CMBA Conference Center, located in One Cleveland Center.

Leading our conversation will be Alana Jochum, Executive Director of Equality Ohio and Professor David Forte, from the Cleveland Marshall College of Law. Together, they will discuss the OH HB 160 bill and its implications for Ohio businesses. Known as “The Ohio Fairness Act,” the bill could put Ohio in the company of 22 other states that have passed similar legislation. The program will be moderated by Chad Eggspuehler, Counsel at Tucker Ellis LLP.

After brief, introductory remarks, the floor will be open for a question and answer period.

Alana Jochum is an attorney and Executive Director of Equality Ohio. She received her B.A. in English and B.S. in Psychology from Baldwin Wallace University in 2005. She has been passionately engaged in the fight for LGBTQ equality at the local, state, national, and international level for more than a decade. After college, Alana traveled to Mumbai, India to volunteer with the Humsafar Trust, a nongovernmental organization working to advance LGBTQ equality in India. After returning home, she worked at United Way of Greater Cleveland and continued her LGBTQ volunteer work through the Human Rights Campaign. In 2007, Alana attended Cleveland Marshall College of Law where she served as Editor in Chief of the Cleveland State Law Review. She became an Associate at Squire Patton Boggs, LLP in 2010 where she focused her legal practice on complex civil litigation, international law, product liability disputes and other commercial litigation. She also represented clients in habeas proceedings before the Sixth Circuit and at the District court level. Alana left Squire in 2014 to work with Equality Ohio full time where she has the privilege of advocating for LGBTQ equality statewide full time.

David Forte is a Professor of Law at Cleveland State University, where he was the inaugural holder of the Charles R. Emrick, Jr.- Calfee Halter & Griswold Endowed Chair. He served as the Garwood Visiting Professor at Princeton University in the Department of Politics and Visiting Fellow at the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions. He also held the position of Consultant to the Pontifical Council for the Family under Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. In 2003, Dr. Forte was a Distinguished Fulbright Chair at the University of Trento and returned there in 2004 as a Visiting Professor. He was the Senior Visiting Scholar at the Center for the Study of Religion and the Constitution in at the Witherspoon Institute in Princeton, New Jersey. He holds degrees from Harvard College, Manchester University, England, the University of Toronto, and Columbia University. During the Reagan administration, Professor Forte served as chief counsel to the United States delegation to the United Nations and alternate delegate to the Security Council. He has authored a number of briefs before the United States Supreme Court, and has frequently testified before the United States Congress and consulted with the Department of State on human rights and international affairs issues.

Chad Eggspuehler is a member of the Tucker Ellis Appellate & Legal Issues Group. He has a wealth of experience working in the federal courts, having served as a law clerk to the Hon. Garrett E. Brown, Jr., Chief Judge, Trenton, New Jersey; the Hon. Harold A. Ackerman, Senior District Judge, Newark, New Jersey; and the Hon. Deborah L. Cook, Circuit Judge, Akron, Ohio. Chad has written many briefs for product manufacturers in state and federal multidistrict litigation, touching on matters ranging from removal and Daubert/Frye issues to summary judgment and certification of state law issues. He has also penned appellate briefs filed in federal courts of appeals and an amicus brief filed in the Supreme Court of the United States. Outside the courtroom, Chad works with the moot court programs at both The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and The University of Akron School of Law, mentors prelaw students at The University of Texas at Dallas, and volunteers for Equality Ohio.
No need to RSVP. This is a brown bag lunch event.

Hot Talks is a monthly series to address hot topics in our community. This program is co-presented by The Press Club of Cleveland. Learn more at CleMetroBar.org/HotTalks.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 13, from 12 - 1 p.m.

WHERE: CMBA Conference Center, 1375 E. 9th Street, 2nd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114

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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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