CLEVELAND – January 5, 2018 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF) will host its 13th Rock the Foundation signature event on Saturday, February 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Music Box Supper Club on the West Bank of the Flats.

This year, during the VIP reception, the Bar Foundation will present the “Richard W. Pogue Award for Excellence in Community Leadership and Engagement” to Frank Sullivan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of RPM International, Inc. Sullivan is the third recipient of the award, joining Chris Connor (2016) and Beth Mooney (2017).

“Frank is not only a corporate leader, he has long been actively involved in our community as a volunteer and philanthropist,” said Mitch Blair, president of the CMBF. “His work to give back to students and education is closely aligned with the work of the Foundation. When we notified him that he would be this year’s recipient, he said: ‘Sharing this passion with lawyers giving back, especially in the schools, makes this award a very special honor.’ We look forward to celebrating with him at this year’s event.”

Rock the Foundation celebrates the positive work of the Bar Foundation and raises additional funds for award-winning Bar Association programs it supports.

“Themed for Mardi Gras this year, this promises NOT to be a stuffy, corporate event,” stressed Blair. “Hosted once again at this fantastic venue, Rock the Foundation offers guests a night to remember. In return, and most importantly, guests and sponsors help us raise money essential to support the volunteer efforts of some 1,200 lawyers who commit their time and legal skills to bring equal access to education, justice, and inclusion to people and nonprofits in need in our community.”

Rock the Foundation is open to the public. General admission tickets are $150 and includes a red-carpet welcome, live dance music from Nitebridge, acoustic guitarist Nate Jones, fabulous food stations, premium open bar, 50/50 Raffle, and other great prizes! Come dressed in “Rocktail” attire to mingle, eat, drink and dance to live music on the bank of the Cuyahoga. Tickets for the VIP pre-party reception are $250 and include 6:00 p.m. admission, live jazz music from Transportation Boulevard, heavy hors d’oeuvres, premium open bar, and the presentation of the Pogue Award.

For more information regarding the event, tickets or sponsorship, visit CleMetroBar.org/RocktheFoundation or call (216) 696-3525.

Rock the Foundation has generated more than $1.3 million in its first 12 years for the many Bar Foundation-funded programs and initiatives that serve the Cleveland community and promote pro bono legal assistance and public law-related education, including The 3Rs (teaching and counseling more than 30,000 students in Cleveland and East Cleveland schools over the past 11 years), the Louis Stokes Scholars Program; high school mock trial competitions; Reach Out: Legal Assistance for Nonprofits and more.

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