73 Years of Celebrating Unsung Heroes
Public Servants Merit Awards Honor Dedication, Inspiration

CLEVELAND - August 28, 2019 - One of our region’s most inspiring events is back for its 73rd year. The Franklin A. Polk Public Servants Merit Awards honor the men and women whose passion for public service drives our justice system. People like:

- A young woman who saw that drugs were destroying her community. After years of dedicated service, she became Cuyahoga County’s first drug court officer.

- A court reporter who lost her husband in the line of duty as a Cleveland Police officer. Now she’s helping new survivors cope with their new normal.

- She was born and raised on Cleveland’s east side. Now she’s helping to improve her own neighborhood and communities across Cleveland through her work with Housing Court.

This year’s ten honorees bring leadership and love to public service. Presented by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation, this luncheon has become a community favorite for its inspiring and emotional stories. “Each year this event is meaningful and uplifting,” CMBF President Patrick J. Krebs said. “We all love seeing the smiles from honorees, their families and co-workers for an award these public servants so clearly deserve.”

James A. Polk Public Servants Merit Awards
Friday September 6th, 2019
Westin Cleveland Downtown
Noon - 1:15pm

Media are encouraged to attend. Advance interviews with honorees and their stories are available upon request.

The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF) is the charitable fundraising arm of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA.) It raises critical dollars for the association’s nationally recognized "Lawyers Giving Back" public outreach and pro bono legal service programs. For more information visit clemetrobar.org.

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