The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF) is the charitable fundraising arm of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (C MBA). We raise critical dollars for the CMBA’s nationally-recognized Lawyers Giving Back public outreach programs that focus on improving the lives of our area youth, as well as other vulnerable members of our society.

Last year, more than 2,000 lawyers, firms, corporations and organizations supported these programs with volunteer service and financial contributions to the CMBF. Through this generosity, the CMBF built bridges to opportunity, critical information and access to justice.

In the pages that follow, we offer just a few examples of the impact your support made over the past year.

Thank you for helping us build bridges to better lives and to a better community!
Through The 3Rs and high school mock trial programs, we build bridges connecting students with opportunities and resources to help them learn; succeed in high school; pursue higher education and legal and other professional careers; and develop important skills that will serve them well for a lifetime. Last year, our programs served 3,700 high school students in the Cleveland and East Cleveland city schools, and 20 other public and private high schools throughout northeast Ohio. More than 500 volunteers — lawyers, judges and law students — served as advisors, educators, mentors, coaches, cheerleaders and champions, encouraging and inspiring students through our programs.

**THE 3RS**
Rights • Responsibilities • Realities

This award-winning program has been connecting students with legal professionals for more than 11 years focusing on a unique curriculum featuring the U.S. Constitution, our justice system and practical guidance in planning for life after high school.

The Police Encounters lesson continues to be among the most popular with students. Launched in 2015 in response to nationwide events, the lesson adds a crucial 4th “R” to help empower and protect students: Remedies.

**HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL**

**Hands-On Learning in the Courtroom**

Mock trial offers a unique opportunity for students to learn about the law and gain important skills like critical thinking, public speaking, and working as a team.

- The CMBA coordinated the largest district and regional mock trial competitions in Ohio. With the help of 218 volunteers from the legal community in 2017, more than 600 students representing 25 local high schools from three counties got the chance to participate, and interest continues to grow in our region.

- Miami University student, Stokes Scholar and Shaw High School mock trial alumnus Conner Hill drafted the 2017 Cleveland Mock Trial case hypothetical based on his passion, computer law.

- The CMBF matched individual donations to support the Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin High School mock trial team to represent Ohio in the National Mock Trial competition in Connecticut.
BUILDING BRIDGES TO JUSTICE AND OPPORTUNITY

TLC AT THE CMSD
In partnership with the Cleveland Schools and the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, we developed a new program to help increase access to legal services for families of its students through clinics in the schools. Unmet legal needs are often an impediment to family stability that can have a negative impact on student attendance and success in school. Landlord/tenant and housing-related legal issues can result in unsettled living conditions or homelessness, recurring absences and diminished academic performance. The Legal Clinics at the Cleveland Metropolitan Schools (TLC at the CMSD) program was designed to provide a missing link in the wraparound services model that is an integral part of the Cleveland Schools Transformation Plan.

We launched a series of pilot clinics in the spring at Glenville and Lincoln-West High Schools. The clinics follow the Brief Advice & Referral model that has been successfully developed in Legal Aid’s Volunteer Lawyers Program and in the CMBA’s Homeless Legal Assistance Program. We are grateful for the support of the volunteer lawyers who helped us launch our pilot program.

LOUIS STOKES SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Thank you to so many who support the program by hosting interns, sponsoring group enrichment activities and serving as mentors and speakers, including new internship host, the Cleveland Cavaliers.

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BUILDING BRIDGES TO NONPROFITS AND THE ARTS

Cleveland has emerged into the national spotlight as a city coming into its own, notable especially for its culture of philanthropy and vibrant arts scene. Reach Out for Nonprofits and the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts play a vital role in our city’s growth by connecting nonprofits and artists with the legal help and education they need to serve and thrive in the community.

REACH OUT – LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR NONPROFITS

Reach Out focuses on service to grassroots nonprofits that are helping to improve our community. We partner with the Northeast Ohio Association of Corporate Counsel; the Federal Bar Association, Northeast Ohio Chapter; and the Foundation Center of Cleveland. Reach Out volunteers serve nonprofits through free presentations on important legal issues, brief advice clinics with nonprofit leaders, and pro bono representation.

- The nonprofits served had missions focused on: children’s health and welfare, after-school activities, nutrition and exercise, prisoner re-entry support, homeless population, arts collaborations, and activities at neighborhood centers and churches.

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (VLA)

VLA volunteers provide law-related education through informative presentations at Cleveland’s unique galleries, concert halls, and theaters. Each month, volunteers take on pro bono legal representation for artists and arts organizations that otherwise would be unable to afford access to the legal system.

- VLA volunteers advised artists on such topics as intellectual property, nonprofit formation, organizational structure questions, affiliate relationships and fiscal sponsorships, board member liability and tax and estate issues.
- VLA reviewed and referred 17 applications for pro bono assistance through the efforts of 20 volunteers, plus held public presentations for artists on debtor/creditor issues, performance rights licensing, estate planning & charitable giving, and employment issues for artists.
- Last Spring, VLA launched student roundtables at CIA, CSU, Tri-C, and CIM, open to all arts students with questions on common legal issues.
Thanks to an army of generous supporters and the hard work and devotion of our event planning committees and staff, our three annual Special Events really “rocked it,” successfully honoring dedicated public servants and community leaders, and raising $243,000 to support our Lawyers Giving Back outreach programs that are building bridges in our community.

ROCK THE FOUNDATION 12
A crowd of 500, wearing their favorite “rocktail” attire, enjoyed a Valentine themed night filled with mingling, great music, dancing, outstanding food, signature “rocktails,” raffles and more at the Music Box Supper Club in the Flats. Beth Mooney, chairman and CEO of KeyCorp, was honored with the Richard W. Pogue Award for Excellence in Community Leadership and Engagement. The event brought in $160,000 in sponsorships through the generous support of 61 businesses, firms and organizations, led once again by Signature Sponsor Huntington National Bank, Platinum Sponsor KeyBank and Gold Sponsors BakerHostetler LLP, Thompson Hine LLP and Ulmer & Berne LLP.

70TH ANNUAL FRANKLIN A. POLK PUBLIC SERVANTS MERIT AWARD LUNCHEON
We recognized 10 dedicated public servants, nominated by the chief judges and clerks of their courts, for their exemplary service to the public and the justice system at this luncheon attended by 400 and held at the Wyndham downtown. Their names were added to the recognition wall in the Lakeside Avenue entrance of the Cuyahoga County Courthouse. The event was sponsored by 15 firms and organizations and seven individuals.

15TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN RUN FOR JUSTICE – CAVS SPIRIT EDITION
Great weather and a new venue, Burke Lakefront Airport, set the scene for another fun-filled Halloween Run event enjoyed by 700 runners, walkers and their families and friends. Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson served as our honorary race starter, showing his support of our 3Rs and Stokes Scholars programs in the Cleveland schools. The World Champion Cavs sent their Scream Team, Dance Team and Moondog to fire up the crowd. We are grateful for Signature Sponsor BakerHostetler, and the 47 other firm and organizational sponsors and 49 individual sponsors for their commitment through this event.
Fellows’ contributions are dedicated to the CMBF Endowment. The Endowment provides a steady stream of income in perpetuity for our Lawyers Giving Back programs.

Fellows are distinguished members of the CMBA who have contributed significantly to the advancement of justice in the greater Cleveland community; who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and professionalism; and for lawyers, who have been admitted to practice for 10 years or more.

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Bridges to the Arts
Your Support in Action

Local artist Shannon Morris reached out to the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts for help with her idea to create affordable arts studio space in Cleveland Heights. VLA volunteers Steve Day and Ed Reichek provided pro bono legal services, assisting in the formation of a nonprofit entity and the lease negotiation for studio space in the former Coventry School. Artful Cleveland opened its doors in March 2017, filling the former vacant building with a vibrant arts community.
YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS

Inspiring Young Professionals

Thanks to Jason Hillman and Chris Harrington of the Cavs legal team for their generosity in creating a Stokes Scholars internship at the Cavs this year. Both lawyers also served as internship mentors for Stokes Scholar Anthony Price (Wesleyan University sophomore and Shaw High School alumnus), who had the experience of a lifetime learning the business side of sports in a championship organization. Said Anthony, “I can’t believe how many contracts there are and how complex they can be!”

CWRU Law School hosted the 2017 Stephanie Tubbs Jones Summer Legal Academy Class of rising high school seniors.
Giving Back

As I reflect on how far I’ve come, from a classroom at John Hay Early College, to a graduate of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, I am grateful for all the opportunities afforded to me, and the time that people have invested in me over the years. Every young person needs someone to invest in them. The Bar Association has created programs that invite volunteers to make a difference in a young person’s life. I encourage all who can become involved in some way. It takes a village to raise a child, but my village at the CMBA has helped me well into adulthood.”

– Brandon Brown

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