



# Opening Doors

## Changing Lives

CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN BAR FOUNDATION  
IMPACT REPORT 2015–2016

# Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation

The Bar Foundation is the charitable fundraising arm of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. It raises critical dollars for the association's nationally recognized public outreach programs that focus on improving the lives of our youth, as well as other vulnerable members of our community. Each year, over 1,000 attorneys support these programs with volunteer service. The work of the Bar Foundation changes individual lives in ways that positively impact the entire community.

## OPENING DOORS, CHANGING LIVES

Thanks to you, our generous donors, sponsors and volunteers, as well as our caring community partners, the Bar Foundation and Association touched the lives of thousands of people in northeast Ohio through our "Lawyers Giving Back" programs last year. Our programs opened many doors for those seeking access to justice, information and resources about their rights and responsibilities, knowledge about the law and legal careers.

Your support of the Foundation's Endowment, through Fellows and other gifts and pledges, continues to help us secure the future of our programs. Your contributions to our Annual Fund, dues check-off gifts and participation in sponsoring and attending our special events like Rock the Foundation, help us to provide annual program support. Your engagement as volunteers in our programs allows us to deliver services through direct personal connection. Together, your contributions significantly impacted our community last year.

## SPOTLIGHTING YOUR IMPACT

In the pages that follow, we offer a spotlight on the impact your support generated over the past year in the areas of:

- Youth and Workforce Development
- Access to Justice, and
- the Nonprofit and Arts Community

THANK YOU for opening doors across northeast Ohio!



4,731  
PEOPLE SERVED

46  
COMMUNITY  
PARTNERS

1,170  
VOLUNTEERS

25,643  
HOURS OF SERVICE

VALUED AT OVER  
\$3,846,450

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**Hugh McKay**  
CMBF President  
2015–2016

## A FOUNDATION STRONGER THAN EVER

Thanks to you, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF) had a tremendous year. Our Rock the Foundation event broke all records in terms of financial support and attendance. The creation of the Richard W. Pogue Award for Excellence in Community Leadership and Engagement to honor the legacy of Dick Pogue's leadership and commitment to our community was a high point, as was Dick's formal presentation of the inaugural Pogue Award to Chris Connor at Rock 11. Those two community heroes capture the essence of the CMBF's theme of Giving Back, and they helped us expand our message to the larger community. Our Halloween Run (Cavs Spirit Edition) was bigger and better than ever, as was our Public Servants lunch.

This past year, thanks to our successful Endowment Campaign, the creation of an Endowment Committee, and the growth of Fellows, the endowment grew significantly.

As the CMBF's endowment investments grew to a record high and our events generated record levels of support, our grants to fund the programs of the CMBA hit a record high. Our annual grant making this year was \$171,999 — a 20% increase over last year.

In summary, thanks to you and your colleagues, the CMBF is stronger than ever, as are the remarkable programs of the CMBA. Thank you for all your support and for making the Cleveland (Believeland) legal community one of the greatest in the country.



**Drew Parobek**  
CMBF President  
2016–2017

## OPENING DOORS TO CHANGED LIVES

Opening doors! That is the theme — and reality — of our newly-denominated annual report: our Impact Statement! The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation and its great partner, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, are opening doors every day that might otherwise remain closed to the sectors of our community who need our support and assistance. We're opening doors to education and the work force for our youth. We're opening the doors of justice to ensure access to those in our community who deserve it but don't otherwise have the means to pay for it. We're opening the doors of our arts community to talented artists and musicians whose careers need a boost in getting started. And,

we're opening the doors to a variety of nonprofit entities whose missions are dedicated to improving the Greater Cleveland community in which we work and live. By providing critical funding for the CMBA's award-winning, far-reaching programs, the CMBF is opening doors to changed lives. It's all here in our report, and there is nothing more significant, meaningful — and impactful — than that. As we look ahead, we want to thank our legal community for its unceasing generosity, and we want to extend an invitation (or open another door) to businesses, organizations and individuals outside the bar: support the CMBA/CMBF partnership and make a critical commitment to changing lives in Believeland!

# Impacting Youth and Workforce Development

Opening doors by inspiring and exposing students to the values, skills and knowledge necessary for them to fully participate as engaged citizens.

In 2015–16, 70% of our community program volunteers devoted their time and talent in our programs serving youth. Volunteers served as mentors, educators, role models, champions, mock trial coaches and judges. Through their service, volunteers developed relationships with students in need, inspiring and encouraging and helping them discover and achieve their potential. Here are just a few highlights and success stories.

## HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY, 3RS – RIGHTS • RESPONSIBILITIES • REALITIES

This award-winning program puts 500 lawyers in the Cleveland and East Cleveland city high school classrooms each year, to share a special curriculum devoted to the U.S. Constitution, the justice system, and practical advice and resources for mapping out a plan for success after high school. **How about this for impact?**

The numbers from our first 10 years.

We have reached  
**30,000**  
students



Through the service of  
**2,000**  
volunteers



Who contributed  
**77,000**  
hours



Valued at  
**\$11,550,000**



### Powerful Relationships

**Eric Gordon**

CEO, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

"We share The 3Rs at educational and legal forums across the country — we're uniquely the only city that has this. My birthday wish is that ten years from now other cities are taking advantage of this opportunity like we are here in Cleveland. The most important part of this is the relationships my kids have with professionals, and professionals in our community get to have with my kids."



### Real Inspiration

**Na'Tasha Webb-Prather**

Shaw High School graduate, J.D. University of Georgia, Current Title IX Compliance Officer at University of Tennessee, New Lawyer

"Through the 3Rs, I realized 'being a lawyer' was something that real everyday people could do with a little hard work, and from then I was destined to put in the work. I was given role models and mentors that I still lean on today. When people asked in law school whether I had lawyers in my family, I always said yes because the 3Rs program and CMBA are my family."



### Devoted Volunteers

**Dennis Matejka**

City of Cleveland Law Department, 3Rs Volunteer

One of 43 volunteers who have served in The 3Rs in each of its first ten years, Dennis has gone above and beyond. In addition to visiting his "anchor school" Max Hayes, he has also volunteered for another team assignment in a different school, allowing him the opportunity to connect with students in each of the CMSD's 18 high schools.

"Former students have come up to say 'hello' and 'thank you' a couple of years after our classes. It is wonderful to realize that our involvement was meaningful to them and that we really did make an impression."

## HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL PROGRAMS

What better way for students to learn about law, rights and responsibilities and the judicial branch of government than through the hands-on, immersive experience of high school mock trial? In addition to learning about the law, mock trial participants learned to communicate effectively, think critically and work collaboratively on teams.

When it comes to high school mock trial in Ohio, there is no bigger impact player than the CMBA. Last year, the CMBA hosted and coordinated the Ohio Mock Trial Cuyahoga District and Regional Competitions, both the largest in the state, and the Cleveland Mock Trial Competition, a unique program for the students in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

**Ohio Mock Trial Cuyahoga District & Regional Competitions**

**650** high school students

**54** teams

**23** high schools

**130** volunteer lawyers and judges

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Cleveland Mock Trial Competition**

**200** high schools students

**10** teams

**9** high schools

**60** volunteer lawyers, judges and law students

## OHIO MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM

### Hard work pays off



**David J. Chordas**  
*Orange H.S. Social Studies Teacher and Mock Trial Teacher Advisor*

"When they announced Orange as the winner; I don't think I was ever so excited ... all in all, it was one of the most amazing journeys our kids and I ever had. Team Polaris will truly be

missed, but they live on as the school put up a banner to commemorate their state championship. It is a symbol of what can be done with hard work and determination."



## CLEVELAND MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM

### Life skill building

**Karen Ross**, *Tucker Ellis LLP*

"Brandon Cox and I are committed to coaching mock trial because of the students, their journey, and the pride we feel in watching them thrive. While winning is a goal (and an awesome feeling), we teach students that being prepared and doing one's best are most important. We also focus on showing them how they can use the skills they gain in mock trial to become contributing members of society and take control of their futures."

### Real Impact

**Tiana Bohanon**

Tiana is a Shaw High School graduate, award winning mock trial attorney, high school intern, Stokes Scholar; and records assistant at Calfee Halter & Griswold; she will graduate in May 2016 from Cleveland State University and has applied for law school admission in the fall of 2017.



"The only exposure I had to the legal field was from television shows such as *Law & Order*. Mock Trial allowed me to come face to face with the career I have always known I wanted to pursue. For me, Mock Trial was not just a competition in high school. Mock Trial was the most important building block that solidified my passion to pursue law and become a lawyer. Not only did Mock Trial introduce me to mentors and legal professionals, but it also ignited a fire in me that still burns today."

# Providing Access

## Opening doors to professional careers ... opening doors to justice.

We are committed to providing programs in our community focused on increasing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, and improving access to justice for individuals in need. Through the generosity of our volunteers and donors, our programs are "changing lives, one student at a time," and helping to improve the lives of homeless and at-risk individuals and families in need of pro bono legal services.

### LOUIS STOKES SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This diversity pipeline program completed its fifth year in 2015-16. It extends the connections made in The 3Rs and high school mock trial to college and beyond, by providing paid internships, group field trips, and mentoring within the Cleveland legal community. It opens doors for minority and economically-disadvantaged college students who have graduated from the Cleveland and East Cleveland City Schools and who are interested in pursuing legal careers. We are pleased to report that six of our Stokes Scholars alumni are current law students — three at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, one at Case Western Reserve School of Law and one at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. And new this past year, we launched a pilot Law School Admissions Boot Camp open to all Stokes Scholars and alumni that provided step-by-step guidance about the law school admissions process, how to manage the cost of law school, and taking the LSAT.

#### Demographics

58 total Scholars selected

23 colleges and universities represented

14 CMSD high schools and Shaw High represented

#### Background

57/58 participated in The 3Rs in high school

56/58 participated in high school mock trial

51/58 are first generation college students

#### Progress

50/58 graduated or are on track to graduate from college in 5 years or less

6 currently in law school (one 3L, one 2L and four 1Ls)

19 planning on applying to law school in 2017 and 2018

## Thank You



**Donte Gresham**  
*MLK High School  
Valedictorian Three-Time  
Louis Stokes Scholar,  
Cleveland State University  
Political Science Major,  
Aspiring Lawyer,  
Aspiring U.S. Senator,  
Aspiring POTUS*

"As I take this time out to reflect on my journey and experience during my tenure in this program I must first say THANK YOU. This thank you is not only from me, but from my family, friends, mentors, and anyone who's ever believed in me, a young African-American man who is still growing into his destiny. Because of the giving spirit of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, it is with honor that I say when someone tells my story, it can never be told completely or accurately without including this amazing Bar Association and its wonderful people."

## CLEVELAND HOMELESS LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Launched in 2001, this program was designed to provide free legal assistance to homeless individuals and persons at risk of being homeless in settings where they can be effectively served and at which they can return for follow up service, if needed.

### Key Numbers

- **42** volunteers (lawyers, law students and paralegals)
- **285** individuals served
- **9** shelter and social service sites in Cleveland

### Legal Issues Addressed

- Family law
- Driving privileges
- Housing/Landlord-Tenant
- Public benefits
- Consumer law
- Expungement

### Who We Help

- In Cuyahoga County, **2,900** individuals and **1,925** families are sheltered each night.
- There are **3,656** homeless students in the Cleveland city schools, with more than **700** living in shelters and nearly **2,500** "doubled up" with other family members

## Devoted Volunteers

Members of the Lawyers Guild of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland volunteer on a regular schedule at the Bishop William Cosgrove Center downtown. They meet with

individuals in need and provide pro bono assistance. Thank you to the Lawyers Guild for their outreach efforts and the service of volunteers, Brian Heskamp, Leo Spellacy, Oliver Dunford, Dan Thiel, Doug Maser, Martin Galvin and Kenneth Callahan.



### Susan Bamberger

*Pro Se Divorce Clinic Volunteer,  
National Council of Jewish Women*

"The clinics open doors to people who cannot afford attorneys, and have little experience within the legal system. I keep volunteering because I see how appreciative our clinic participants are, and that we provide them with hope. It is very satisfying to know they are receiving this assistance in a dignified and easy process."



## PRO SE DIVORCE CLINICS

In partnership with the Family Law Section of the CMBA and the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, the Pro Se Divorce Clinics served 189 individuals in 2015–16. These clinics are designed to guide indigent individuals through the divorce process, helping them resolve legal issues that are negatively affecting their lives.

## The Need is Big

### Judge Rosemary Grdina Gold

*Administrative Judge, Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court*

"Every day, hundreds of people come through the doors of the Old Courthouse on Lakeside Avenue to obtain a divorce or legal separation. The process can be daunting and overwhelming. The number of those people who are forced to do this without a lawyer has been steadily increasing. This year, over 51% of new court filings were pro se. Because of the volunteer attorneys at the CMBA Family Law Pro Se Divorce Clinics, many people were able to navigate the Court without fear or frustration. The Court is very grateful to the CMBA and this program."



# Supporting the Nonprofit and Arts Community

## Opening doors to help those who lift, improve and serve the community.

Cleveland is a city rich in artists and arts organizations who contribute to its vibrancy, as well as grassroots nonprofit organizations that provide essential human services to those in need. The CMBA's Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts Committee provides a bridge to connect Cleveland's lawyers with local artists and arts organizations seeking access to legal information and services. Similarly, Reach Out – Legal Assistance for Nonprofits is a collaborative program of the CMBA, Northeast Ohio Association of Corporate Counsel and the Federal Bar Association, Northeast Ohio Chapter, designed to provide law-related education and transactional pro bono legal services to nonprofit organizations in northeast Ohio whose missions focus on providing needed human services and who demonstrate financial need.

### REACH OUT – LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR NONPROFITS

Reach Out volunteers have the opportunity to provide three different types of service to help the nonprofits that are helping to improve our community:

- 1 they can develop and present law-related education programs to nonprofit leaders at quarterly clinics held at the CMBA,
- 2 they can provide brief advice to nonprofit leaders at the quarterly clinics, and
- 3 they can accept referrals from the quarterly clinics and provide transactional pro bono legal services to income-eligible and qualified nonprofits.

Recent education programs at Reach Out clinics have focused on Nonprofit Governance and Structure, Employment Law, Contract Law, IRS Compliance & Political Activity and Legal Issues in Fundraising. Nonprofit leaders learn about the clinics through many sources, including direct marketing outreach, referrals from Business Volunteers Unlimited, the Foundation Center Library, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and local law school clinical programs. Last year, leaders from 30 area nonprofit organizations participated in the clinics. Those nonprofit organizations were varied, with missions serving youth through education and social services, neighborhoods through urban gardening, and more.



### Why I volunteer

#### Jaclyn M. Vary

*Calfee Halter & Griswold LLP, Immediate Past Chair of the VLA Committee, Current member of Reach Out Advisory Committee*



"Numerous studies show that the arts improve and strengthen communities. I am privileged to work with the VLA in its efforts to connect lawyers with artists and arts organizations in need. The VLA volunteers' educational presentations for artists and lawyers advising artists are just one way to give back to this vibrant community."

"I enjoy working with Reach Out to empower and equip nonprofit leaders with information on important legal issues. Even through a short educational seminar and brief advice clinic, I can see that the nonprofit leaders' efforts will provide someone in our community with new opportunities. The true impact when one gives their time, talent and treasure is immeasurable."



## VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (VLA)

### Law-Related Education

Volunteers from the VLA Committee develop and present interesting and impactful education programs on topics of legal interest each year for artists and arts organizations. A sample of recent programs includes:

- Contract Law – at the Cleveland Institute of Art
- Legal and Practical Advice in Planning Compliant Events – at CMBA for nonprofit leaders
- Estate Planning – at the Artists Archive of the Western Reserve and at Cowell Auction
- Fair Use for Performing and Interpretive Artists – at CPAC Fellowship Workshop
- Copyright and Ownership – at Canton Museum of Art
- The Monkey Selfie and Other Legal Issues for Working Artists – at the Cleveland Print Room

### Pro Bono Legal Services

The VLA Committee reviews applications for free legal assistance involving arts-related issues from income-eligible artists and arts organizations and refers qualifying cases to pro bono attorneys. Last year, VLA volunteers provided representation in matters involving intellectual property, business and employment contracts, business entity formation, real estate and landlord-tenant law.

#### **VLA Success Story: Cleveland Classical Guitar Society**

The Cleveland Classical Guitar Society first contacted the VLA in 2009. With assistance from longtime volunteer Steven Day, the Society's founders immediately formed a nonprofit corporation and began charitable arts work, from musical education in several local public high schools to high-profile concert presentations. Since then, the Society has achieved remarkable growth: it has been able to present some of the world's great guitarists and lutenists, including Paul O'Dette, Nigel North, David Russell and Manuel Barrueco, to Cleveland audiences, and boasts recent sponsorship support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Cleveland Foundation, Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, and the Ohio Arts Council. Now, less than a decade after its founding, the Society has become one of the most popular and financially robust of its peer organizations in America. But the Society is only one of many such stories.



# A Year of “Very Special” Special Events

*Opening doors to all of Cleveland for the best events of the year.*

Each year, the CMBF hosts three special events and in 2015-2016, we really “kicked open the door” in all three, thanks to the generosity of our many sponsors, the participation of the legal community and beyond, and the hard work and energy of our event planning committees and staff. Together, we celebrated, recognized, honored, walked, ran, danced, rocked and rolled, and had a blast while raising critical funds for our many community outreach and pro bono legal service programs.

## 69TH ANNUAL FRANKLIN A. POLK PUBLIC SERVANTS MERIT AWARD LUNCHEON

**August 28, 2015**

This annual event recognizes dedicated public servants who are nominated by the chief judges and clerks of various courts for their exemplary service. A huge crowd of 450 packed the ballroom of the Marriott at Key Center, to congratulate and thank 13 deserving men and women for their time, dedication and service to the public and the justice system every day in their careers. The event, once again smoothly emceed by Jacob Kronenberg, featured heartfelt and often humorous remarks by the honorees. A new plaque dedicated to the event listing all honorees is in the Lakeside Avenue entrance to the Cuyahoga County Courthouse.

The Luncheon was sponsored by 13 firms and individuals, led by the firms of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff; Calfee Halter & Griswold LLP; Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP; Ulmer & Berne LLP and Walter Haverfield LLP.



## 14TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN RUN FOR JUSTICE – CAVS SPIRIT EDITION

**October 31, 2015**

Always a spirited event, the Halloween Run for Justice catapulted to greater heights in 2015, thanks to a new partnership with the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Run, held on Halloween which also happened to be the Saturday morning following the Cavs' home opener, featured Ahmaad, Moondog, the Scream Team and Spirit Squad. They helped create an energy level that was off the charts. Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson joined us as our honorary race starter, and offered thanks to the CMBA and CMBF for supporting Cleveland's youth and individuals in need. What an incredible year to increase the civic appeal of our Run and our Bar, as well as the awareness of our many “lawyers giving back” programs.

A record crowd of 680 runners and walkers of all ages joined us in 2015. The event raised \$45,000 through the generosity of its sponsors and participants. Signature Sponsor BakerHostetler and Award Sponsor University Hospitals led a distinguished list of 57 other firm, organizational and individual sponsors.

## ROCK THE FOUNDATION II

February 13, 2016

The largest of our three annual special events, Rock the Foundation soared in 2016 at a fun new location, the Music Box Supper Club in the Flats. Rock II smashed all of our Rock the Foundation records, with 550 attendees; \$210,000 in sponsorships and more than \$25,000 in tickets and raffle sales. We introduced a new dress code – “Rocktail Attire.” The dance floor was packed and guests were entertained all evening by The No Name Band and Transportation Boulevard.

The event was even more memorable and of significant civic interest as the CMBF honored an extraordinary corporate citizen with an award named for an exemplar of our Bar. We presented the first ever Richard W. Pogue Award for Excellence in Community Leadership to Christopher M. Connor, Chairman and CEO of The Sherwin-Williams Company.

We are grateful to our Signature Sponsor, FirstMerit Private Bank (now Huntington Bank), Platinum Sponsors Jones Day and Sherwin-Williams, Gold Sponsors BakerHostetler LLP, Key Bank, Ulmer & Berne LLP and Veritext Legal Solutions, who along with 49 other sponsors, helped the CMBF raise a record amount of money to support the “lawyers giving back” programs helping our community. Long live Rock!



# Securing the Future by Growing the Endowment

*Our Fellows, through their generous support, are opening doors by paying it forward.*

## THE FELLOWS PROGRAM

Fellows' contributions are dedicated to the CMBF Endowment. The Endowment provides a steady stream of income into perpetuity for our transformative programs. In the period from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2016, the Endowment Fund nearly tripled in size, from \$895,954 to \$2,275,332. This growth resulted from the generous support of our Fellows at all levels of involvement — Founding, Leadership, Legacy, Gold, Silver and Fellows.

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.

<b>Fellow</b>	\$ 2,500	Fellows' commitments at these levels can be paid over a period of up to 10 years, or if paid in full at the outset, are discounted.
<b>Silver Fellow</b>	\$ 5,000	
<b>Gold Fellow</b>	\$10,000	
<b>Leadership Fellow</b>	\$25,000 – \$49,999	These Fellows' commitments can be paid over a period of up to ten years.
<b>Founding Fellow</b>	\$50,000 and up	
<b>Legacy Fellow</b>	\$10,000 and up	Commit to provide a gift in the future through an estate plan.

[CleMetroBar.org/Fellows](http://CleMetroBar.org/Fellows)



# Thank you to all of our Fellows

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Mary K. Whitmer

**For the full list of our individual Fellows, visit [CleMetroBar.org/Fellows](http://CleMetroBar.org/Fellows).**



## Why we give back through the CMBF



### David M. Paris

"Nurenberg, Paris, Heller & McCarthy has a culture and tradition of giving back to the community and supporting charitable activities that benefit those in need. The CMBF is a charity unique to lawyers, allowing the legal community to provide service using the talent and skill of lawyers. Cleveland is our home — it

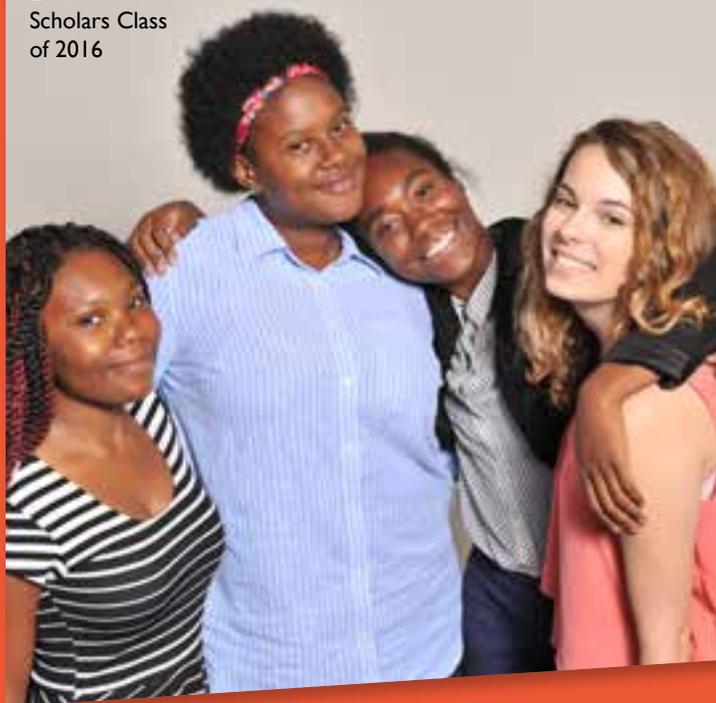
is where we live and work, where we went to school, where our friends and families live. This community has done so much for us and we are fortunate to be able to give back to those among us who need help."

### Margaret W. Wong

"These programs touch so many different groups in Cleveland and have wide impact in so many ways. For example, they provide critical pipelines for minorities. The programs are inspirational. Young people see who we are and they aspire to be lawyers or professionals. For lawyers in our community, they have a place to call their own."



Louis Stokes  
Scholars Class  
of 2016



# Financial Report

## Assets

CASH, CASH EQUIVALENT  
& INVESTMENTS

**\$1,648,355**

PREPAID EXPENSES & RECEIVABLES

**\$1,002,127**

TOTAL ASSETS

**\$2,650,482**

## Liabilities & Net Assets

### LIABILITIES

DEFERRED REVENUE

**\$10,650**

ACCRUED EXPENSES & OTHER LIABILITIES

**\$40,805**

TOTAL LIABILITIES

**\$2,650,482**

### NET ASSETS

UNRESTRICTED

**\$250,423**

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED

**\$73,272**

PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED

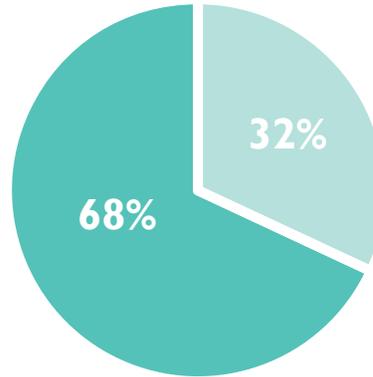
**\$2,275,332**

TOTAL NET ASSETS

**\$2,599,027**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

**\$2,650,482**



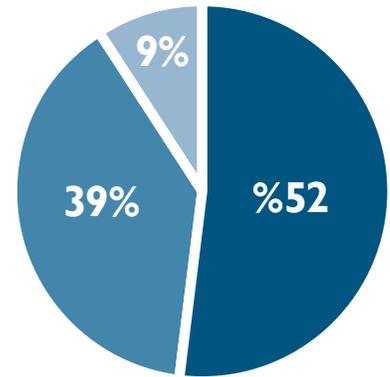
## Revenues

EVENT FUNDRAISERS  
**\$285,970**

DONATIONS &  
CONTRIBUTIONS  
**\$133,497**

TOTAL

**\$419,467**



## Expenses

PROGRAM SERVICES  
**\$171,999**

FUNDRAISING  
**\$128,103**

MANAGEMENT & GENERAL  
**\$30,250**

TOTAL

**\$330,352**

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Record-Setting Special Event Fundraising

Rock the Foundation 11 achieved record-setting sponsorship income of nearly \$210,000, from the generous commitments of 56 law firms, corporations, organizations and academic institutions. A huge crowd of 550 attended the event, as well. The 2015 Halloween Run for Justice broke the record for registrations, with 680 runners and walkers participating. Our 2015-2016 special events raised a total of nearly \$40,000 more than the prior year.

### Record Amount of Program Funding

The CMBF provided a record amount of funding support to the CMBF's "lawyers giving back" programs — a total of \$171,999 was granted.

# Giving Back

Through your financial support, the Bar Foundation can sustain and expand its quality programming. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, gifts may be tax deductible.\* You also can support the Bar Foundation by volunteering to participate in programs. If you have questions about the Bar Foundation and how you can become actively involved, please call Mary Groth, director of development and community programs at **(216) 539-5975**.

**CleMetroBar.org/Foundation**

**Enclosed is my gift to the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation** in the amount of:

\$1,000    \$500    \$250    \$125    \$50

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ other

Please send me information about the Fellows Program

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