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Executive Director D. Larkin Chenault Resigns, Accepts Position as Executive Director of Connecticut Bar Association

CLEVELAND – Sept. 16, 2009 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) today announced that Executive Director D. Larkin Chenault will leave his post to become the executive director of The Connecticut Bar Association (CBA). He will begin his work with the CBA in November. The CMBA leadership team will conduct a national search to find his successor.

“Larkin has been an outstanding executive director for the last nine years, making lasting contributions to our association, our members and our profession,” said Mary K. Whitmer, president of the board of trustees of the CMBA. “His achievements, including his help to unify the Cleveland and Cuyahoga County bar associations, will long survive his tenure here.”

D. Larkin Chenault has served as the executive director of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association since its formation in March 2008, at which time the Cleveland and Cuyahoga County Bar Associations consolidated. Prior to the consolidation, he worked for nearly eight years as executive director of the Cleveland Bar Association. Before beginning his work in Cleveland in 2000, Chenault served as the executive director of the then 33,000-member State Bar of Michigan for six years, executive director of the Cincinnati Bar Association for seven years, and assistant director of the Kentucky State Bar Association for nearly four years.

Chenault lives just outside Cleveland with his wife, Martha, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He has two daughters, Cordelia, who is studying in Germany on a Fulbright scholarship, and Carey, a marketing manager who lives with her husband in suburban Boston.

About the CMBA

The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association is a nonprofit organization, operating as a center for legal professionalism in the region and promoting the highest ethical and professionalism standards. The CMBA has more than 6,000 members, with Cleveland being the largest legal community in the state.

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