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## **Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Green Initiative Committee Holds First David Webster Greener Way to Work Day**

CLEVELAND – Sept. 17, 2009 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) has launched a Green Certification Program and, in conjunction, will hold its first David Webster Greener Way to Work Day, Friday, Sept. 25.

Named in honor of the late David B. Webster, the David Webster Greener Way to Work Day invites members of CMBA and residents of the Cleveland metropolitan area to find a “greener” way to work, such as mass transit, carpooling or biking. The day is a culmination of the CMBA's Green Initiative Committee efforts to encourage greener practices as good business. To date, 31 law firms/offices have become CMBA Green Certified for 2009-2010.

A noon lunch program at the CMBA will honor David Webster and include a brief presentation by Michael Short of the Clean Air Conservancy. He will discuss Webster's founding of the organization and efforts to use “cap & trade” to improve the environment.

In support of finding a greener way to work, the CMBA is coordinating biking groups for the morning commute. One staging location will be the Church of the Saviour (2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118). Parking is available and bikers will leave at 7:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. to head to Cleveland via the Euclid Ave. bike lane.

### **About the CMBA Green Certification**

The certification criteria expands on the American Bar Association's suggestions for better paper management and green practices.

The CMBA certification requires an applicant to demonstrate with the following criteria.

1. Efforts to reduce per capita paper use (i.e. office paper with at least 30 percent recycled content; double-sided copies; recycling office paper; purchasing paper from paper manufacturers with sustainable forestry management practices)
2. Commitment to reduce office energy use by 10 percent
3. Existence of a firm/office program for recycling glass, plastic and e-waste products
4. Existence of a firm/office Green Committee or designated administrator at each firm/office

### **About David B. Webster**

David Webster was CMBA president-elect, a Green Initiative Committee member, founder of the Clean Air Conservancy and partner with Webster Dubyak & Weyls Co., LPA. David died earlier this year after a brief illness. His work served as an example of his commitment to the profession and to being environmentally responsible. Actively involved in the CMBA, and formerly with the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, it was fitting for this day and certification program to be initiated in his honor.

### **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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