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## **Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation Plans 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Bench-Bar Run for Justice for Halloween Day**

CLEVELAND – Oct. 22, 2009 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF) will host its 8<sup>th</sup> Halloween Bench-Bar Run for Justice on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 9 a.m. at the Galleria at Erieview. Planned in partnership with Hermes Sports & Events Cleveland, the run offers 5 mile, 5K and one mile distances and is paired with a morning of fun and family activities.

All proceeds from event registrations and sponsorships will benefit the CMBF, which funds the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) pro bono and public service programs, including the 3Rs program. The 3Rs – Rights • Responsibilities • Realities – is an unprecedented, award-winning program that puts nearly 500 volunteers from the Cleveland legal community into 10th grade social studies classes in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and East Cleveland City Schools to personally connect with the students, educate them about the U.S. Constitution and provide practical career counseling.

"This event is perfectly timed this year, falling on Halloween Day and the last day of Pro Bono Week," said Richard D. Manoloff, president of the CMBF. "Pro Bono Week provides an opportunity to focus on and promote the importance of pro bono activities, and to engage in specific programs. The run caps off the week by raising money to support our community outreach efforts throughout the year."

Runners and walkers are welcome and costumes are strongly encouraged on and off the course. Runner awards will be presented to top male and female runners; top runners in multiple age groups; fastest lawyer; fastest judge; and various team awards. For those not participating in the run/walk events, other activities include games, costume contests, a bouncy house, pumpkin decorating, a DJ, face-painting and the balloon creations of Flower Clown.

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For more information regarding the event, registration or sponsorship, visit [www.clemetrobar.org](http://www.clemetrobar.org).

### **About the CMBF**

The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation is the charitable arm and partner of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. It raises funds to support the important public outreach activities of the Association, which are organized primarily under the Justice For All umbrella. These activities include a variety of pro bono legal service, law-related education, tutoring and mentoring programs. Additionally, the CMBF assists the Association's diversity initiatives aimed at improving the pipeline of minority students entering the legal profession.

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