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“Rock the Foundation” Returns to House of Blues on March 19 Amidst March Madness, Fundraiser Aims for Record Year

CLEVELAND – Feb. 28, 2011 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF) will host its sixth annual Rock the Foundation fundraiser at the House of Blues Cleveland on March 19 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Open to the public, Rock the Foundation is the ultimate, casual rock-n-roll party, complete with live entertainment from the No Name Band, silent auction, fantastic food, and dancing. General admission tickets are \$111. Tickets for VIP entry are \$250 and include special 6 p.m. access for a pre-event reception with wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by Transportation Boulevard.

Tickets, sponsorships and a silent auction contribute to the proceeds of the event. Samplings of auction items for this year include:

- Tickets to Legacy of Light
- Tickets to the 35th Cleveland International Film Festival
- Cleveland Indians Tickets
- Lake Erie Monster's Club Seats
- Golf outing at the Chagrin Valley Golf Club

“We are fortunate to have our signature fundraising event between two NCAA March Madness game nights in downtown Cleveland,” said Frank DeSantis, president of the CMBF. “We look forward to capitalizing on the weekend’s excitement and setting new records for attendance and money raised. Besides, many fundraisers may call for more formal attire, but not so for this party. Guests are encouraged to get into the spirit of March Madness and show some school pride by dressing in their favorite college team attire.”

Ticket sales, sponsorships and auctions have helped Rock the Foundation generate more than \$480,000 in its first five years for its many innovative and wide-ranging pro bono and community service programs, including The 3Rs (teaching and counseling more than 4,000 students in Cleveland and East Cleveland schools), the homeless legal assistance program (counseling more than 600 people every year), and high school mock trial competitions (bringing the law home to more than 900 students each year).

“The Bar Foundation is more vibrant than ever and poised to build on its success,” added DeSantis. “Not only is it one of the best parties in Cleveland, but the attendees recognize the critical importance of this event to raise money for Bar Foundation-funded programs that serve Greater Cleveland.”

Sponsors* for this year’s event include: **Platinum Sponsor:** First Merit Wealth Management Services; **Gold Sponsors:** Baker & Hostetler LLP; Jones Day; PNC; Squire, Sanders & Dempsey (US) LLP; Thompson Hine; Tucker Ellis & West LLP; and Ulmer & Berne LLP; **Silver Sponsors:** BBP Partners; Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP; COSE; Frantz Ward LLP; Greater Cleveland Partnership; Hahn Loeser + Parks LLP; KeyBank; Kohrman Jackson & Krantz PLL; McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co., LPA; McDonald Hopkins; Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis; Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP; Porter Wright Morris & Arthur; Reminger Co., L.P.A.; Roetzel & Andress LPA; Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP; Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP; and Weisman, Kennedy & Berris Co., L.P.A.; **Silver Non-Profit Sponsors:** Case Western Reserve University School of Law; Cleveland Rape Crisis Center; Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Cleveland State University; The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland; and Patricia Missal, Aurora Management Partners; **Bronze Sponsors:** Bernstein Global Wealth Management; Buckley King; LexisNexis; Linton & Hirshman LLC; Margaret W. Wong & Associates; Mishkind Law Firm Co., L.P.A.; Nurenberg, Paris, Heller & McCarthy Co LPA; PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; Rotatori Bender

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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. www.clemetrobar.org/Bar_Foundation/CMBF.

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