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## Women in Law Plan “Food Fight” to Benefit Women in Greater Cleveland

CLEVELAND – May 19, 2011 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Women in Law (WIL) section will host its inaugural Food Fight culinary competition and fundraiser on Thursday, May 26 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Cuyahoga Community College’s Hospitality Center at 180 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland.

Created to support WIL’s Build, Innovate, Grow (BIG) initiative, this evening includes culinary competition by some of the area’s premier law firms and companies, cooking demonstrations, a silent auction and more, all to benefit its BIG initiatives – created to make bigger difference in the lives of other women and ultimately, in the strength of the city.

The Food Fight will feature the culinary artistry of Pura Vida, Cleveland’s newest urban bistro, as well as the creations of teams from throughout the legal community who will work from a selection of recipes create their own culinary masterpiece.

“We designed this truly groundbreaking event to celebrate the competitive spirit of our profession and our willingness to roll up our sleeves to make a difference,” said Elaine Eisner, co-chair of WIL and principal the Eisner Gohn Group. “This is an example of the positive effort being made by women for women. Collectively, we are taking action and raising money to further address the challenges women and young girls face in our community.”

General admission tickets are \$60. VIP passes are \$100 and include prime seating in the Pura Vida VIP lounge, an event signature apron, a champagne reception from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. with the Celebrity Chefs and voting rights for the People’s Choice Award.

The Food Fight is made possible through the generous support of the Tri-C Hospitality Management Center, Cleveland’s latest innovative kitchen, and Pura Vida.

“These programs require guts, drive and the willingness to take responsibility to make a difference,” said Irene Rennillo, co-chair of WIL and president of Rennillo Deposition & Discovery – A Veritext Company. “We continue to challenge ourselves and our peers to get involved, to get into the fight.”

Other BIG initiatives include “On the Go!” being held May 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Langston Hughes Center, 2390 E. 79th Street, Cleveland. The day-long event is designed for women of all ages, and girls ages 12 to 18, who are interested in a day of friendship, inspiration and celebration. The free event will offer fun, creative workshops focusing on a variety of topics including exploration of self expression through theater, dance and poetry; examining images in the media; creating personal vision boards; developing pathways to a new and/or better career; and understanding your legal rights at home and in the workplace.

“This event – which we hope will be the first of many – presents a tremendous opportunity for women of diverse ages, backgrounds, personal experiences and professional accomplishments to spend a day learning about each other and inspiring one another to turn our individual possibilities into realities,” said Rebecca Ruppert McMahon, co-chair of the Advocacy and Outreach Subcommittee within WIL and general counsel at Cuyahoga Community College.

“On the Go!” is a collaborative event co-sponsored by WIL, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland; Cuyahoga Community College’s Women in Transition Program; The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center; and Studiothink, LLC.

For more information on these events or the Women in Law section, visit [www.clemetrobar.org](http://www.clemetrobar.org).

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