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Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Green Initiative Committee Holds 3rd Annual David Webster Greener Way to Work Day

CLEVELAND – Sept. 13, 2011 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) will hold its 3rd Annual David Webster Greener Way to Work Day on Friday, Sept. 23, encouraging members of CMBA and residents of Greater Cleveland to find a “greener” way to work, such as public transit, carpooling or biking.

Named in honor of the late David B. Webster, the day highlights the CMBA's Green Initiative Committee's (GIC) efforts to encourage greener practices as good business in the legal community, the cornerstone of which is the CMBA Green Certification program. To date, nearly 50 law firms/offices have become CMBA Green Certified.

At a noon luncheon that day, the CMBA will welcome newly Green Certified law firms and offices that have committed to reducing the environmental impact of their businesses. During the lunch, guests will hear from keynote speaker Jeff Baldassari, president and CEO of The Taylor Companies in Bedford, Ohio and leader in sustainable manufacturing practices. Also, the CMBA will present its annual Green Innovation Award to one firm/office that demonstrated its “green” leadership in the community, and formally thank the firms/offices that participated in the Green Computing program to recycle and repurpose electronic equipment for area schools.

“The legal community is stepping up to help preserve the environment for future generations,” said Douglas A. McWilliams, chair of the CMBA Green Initiative Committee and partner at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey (US) LLP. “This day and lunch provide us an opportunity to celebrate the innovations and commitments of law offices to sustainable practices. I can think of no better way to remember and honor David Webster whose life and work provided early leadership on being environmentally responsible within our profession.”

Sponsors* of the luncheon include: The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; Baker & Hostetler LLP; Cady Reporting Services, Inc.; DUBYAK Connick Thompson & Bloom, LLC; Judge David T. Matia; Mehler & Hagestrom; Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis; Roetzel & Andress; Squire, Sanders & Dempsey (US) LLP; Treasury Alliance Group; Tucker Ellis & West LLP; and Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.

*Sponsors are subject to change.

For more information about the day, the Green Certification program and the Green Initiative Committee please visit www.clemetrobar.org/green.

About David B. Webster

David Webster was CMBA president-elect, a Green Initiative Committee member, founder of the Clean Air Conservancy and partner with the firm Webster DUBYAK & Weyls Co., LPA. David passed away in March 2009 after a brief illness.

About the CMBA

The nonprofit Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association operates as a center for legal professionalism in the region, promoting the highest ethical and professional standards. Serving the largest legal community in the state, the CMBA has more than 5,500 members. Learn more at www.clemetrobar.org.

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