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## **Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Endorses Issue 107**

CLEVELAND – October 26, 2012 – The Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) voted yesterday to endorse Issue 107, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District levy, which will appear on the ballot in November.

“We are proud to lend our support to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District on this critical issue,” shared CMBA President Carter Strang. “We have been a long-time partner of the district, highlighted most prominently through our 3Rs program. Our endorsement is an extension of that partnership because we recognize that providing the best education possible is critical to Cleveland’s future.”

The 3Rs – Rights • Responsibilities • Realities is an unprecedented, award-winning program that each year sends more than 500 volunteer lawyers, judges, law students and paralegals into the resource-challenged Cleveland Metropolitan schools and East Cleveland schools to: teach 10th graders civics; improve the understanding of and respect for the rule of law and the U.S. Constitution; and focus students on their potential in and beyond high school.

“Our work with the district also aligns with our unwavering commitment to diversity and inclusiveness within the profession, justice system and community,” added Strang. “It is programs like Louis Stokes Scholars, Stephanie Tubbs Jones Summer Legal Academy, mock trial competitions and others that provide a pathway of opportunity for these students. Our endorsement of the levy is an extension of that support.”

“More than just endorsing the levy, we also recognize that we can all, as individuals, take steps to help it pass through volunteering, contributing to the levy fund, and raising awareness about its importance to voters,” concluded Strang.

For more information on Issue 107, please visit [www.rightplanrightnow.com](http://www.rightplanrightnow.com).

### **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](http://www.clemetrobar.org).

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