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Bar Association To Host High Profile Forum on Corruption, White Collar Crime

Forum to feature U.S. Attorney, County Prosecutor, County Executive, former New York U.S. Attorney, Federal and Local Judges, Law Enforcement Agents, Securities & Exchange Commission Regulators and White Collar Criminal Defense Attorneys

CLEVELAND – November 29, 2012 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) and the CMBA Criminal Law Section are pleased to present a very special forum: “White Collar Crime in America and the World - the Experts Speak.”

Increasingly in the United States and around the world, and here in Cuyahoga County, the concept of corruption and white collar crime is impacting all areas of business, litigation, politics and individual liberties. On Friday, December 14, the leading government officials, law enforcement personnel, judges, prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys and business leaders will appear at the CMBA to discuss the role of federal, state, local and foreign governments in prohibiting, deterring, investigating and prosecuting corruption and white collar crime. Topics will include: defining and understanding “white collar crime,” prosecuting local corruption at the state and federal levels, international investigations, securities fraud, health care fraud, best practices in corporate compliance programs to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, and many others.

The event will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CMBA in the Galleria at 1301 East Ninth Street, Second Level, in downtown Cleveland. The forum is co-chaired by Nailah Byrd, Inspector General for Cuyahoga County, and Jonathan Leiken, CMBA President-Elect, Jones Day Partner and former Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York.

Event speakers include: Steven Dettelbach, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio; Ed FitzGerald, Cuyahoga County Executive; Timothy McGinty, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor; P. Kelly Tompkins, chief legal officer, Cliffs Natural Resources; David W. Rowan, chief legal officer, The Cleveland Clinic; Angelo Vitale, corporate counsel, Quicken Loans, Inc.; and Geri M. Presti, chief legal officer, Forest City Enterprises, Inc.

Additionally, assistant United States attorneys, including Assistant U.S. Attorney Ann C. Rowland (lead federal prosecutor – U.S. v. Dimora) and private sector attorneys will lend their experiences and insights into the prevention and prosecution of white collar crime.

More information and full agenda are available online at www.clemetrobar.org (directly at <http://bit.ly/Q5Mybc>).

About the CMBA

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