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CMBA Conducts Interim Judicial Reviews

CLEVELAND – May 13, 2013 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) announced today that it has begun conducting Interim Judicial Reviews. The purpose of the reviews is to provide confidential feedback from local attorneys to judges in Cuyahoga County and to enhance the existing Judge4Yourself process, which rates the judges each election cycle.

The Interim Judicial Reviews include all the judges of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court (general, probate, domestic relations and juvenile divisions) and all the judges of the municipal courts in Cuyahoga County.

“Our goal is to provide a thorough assessment of judicial performance by attorneys practicing in these courts on a regular basis,” said Carter Strang, president of the CMBA. “By doing so, we hope to offer candid feedback to the members of the bench and provide useful information to assist them in their administration of justice in Greater Cleveland.”

“The feedback will also be provided to Judge4Yourself, resulting in additional information that will enhance its rating process. Judge4Yourself’s judicial ratings are key to helping the voting public avoid the Judicial Guessing Game,” Strang concluded.

The Interim Judicial Reviews are a result of recommendations by the CMBA Task Force on Judicial Excellence launched in 2010 and co-chaired by Retired Judge Timothy E. McMonagle and James D. Robenalt of Thompson Hine LLP. The mission of the TFOJE is focused on increasing the overall quality of the judiciary in Cuyahoga County. Since 2010, the task force has conducted research on the judicial selection process and made additional recommendations to increase and sustain the highest quality judiciary in Cuyahoga County. For more information, please go to www.tfoje.org.

About the CMBA

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