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CMBA Hosts First Great Lakes Symposium

CLEVELAND – May 30, 2013 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) is proud to host the 2013 Great Lakes Symposium, a first-of-its-kind program, on June 4 at the Great Lakes Science Center to discuss timely legal issues facing the Great Lakes.

Topics of the inaugural program include: Wind Turbines - Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation; Algae/Phosphorous Regulatory Issues; The Great Lakes Legacy Act; and The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

“The Great Lakes are a treasured natural resource but also vital to our economy in Greater Cleveland and the region,” said Karl A. Bekeny, seminar chair and attorney at Tucker Ellis LLP. “This seminar will allow for open and in-depth discussion with experts and stakeholders about the challenges and opportunities facing our Great Lakes.”

The half-day, afternoon program includes a panel discussion featuring noted speakers on Great Lakes topics, including Director Chris Korleski (EPA Great Lakes National Program Office), Retired Congressman Steven LaTourette, Jim Weakley (Lake Carriers’ Association), Brian Cook (Ohio EPA), and Joel Brammeier (Alliance for the Great Lakes). Dan Moulthrop, CEO of The City Club of Cleveland and former “Sound of Ideas” host on 90.3 WCPN ideastream, will moderate the discussion.

“The bar association is proud to be a catalyst for this type of dialogue,” added Carter Strang, president of the CMBA. “This program is an example of how the CMBA can leverage the full reach of our legal community, including clients, to put a spotlight on critical topics for all of us. We are pleased to host a program of such importance right here in Cleveland.”

For more information on the half-day program, visit www.clemetrobar.org.

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 nearly 6,000 members. Learn more at www.clemetrobar.org.

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