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CMBA to Host 4th “Citizens Legal Academy” on September 26

Free, Public Event to Discuss Internet Crimes Against Children, Human Trafficking, Sex Crimes and Child Abuse and Domestic Violence

CLEVELAND – September 12, 2013 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) will host its fourth Citizens Legal Academy Thursday, September 26th from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Michael J. Zone Recreation Center, 6301 Lorain Road, Cleveland. This panel presentation title “Protecting Our Children” will be free and open to the public.

The September program will focus on a variety of relevant topics including internet crimes against children, child abuse, human trafficking and domestic violence. The program will also focus on how the City of Cleveland responds to these concerns and will provide parents and care givers resources to protect their loved ones.

The panelists for these topics will be:

- Linda Johaneck, CEO of the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center
- Kevin Kelley, Cleveland City Council
- Lieutenant Jim McPike, Officer in Charge of Special Victims Section of the division that consists of the Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Unit and the Domestic Violence Unit
- Sondra Miller, Vice President of External Affairs and Acting CEO of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center
- Carole Rendon, First Assistant U.S. Attorney, United States Attorney's Office
- Judge Brendan Sheehan, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas

Seating is limited, so registration is strongly encouraged to eventsweb@clemetrobar.org. Full details and online registration available at www.clemetrobar.org/CitizensLegalAcademy.

About the Citizens Legal Academy

CMBA's Citizens Legal Academy is a civics education program to inform and engage the public in Greater Cleveland through free public forums conducted by local attorneys and judges who will address “hot button” legal topics such as election law, immigration, consumer protection, criminal law, domestic relations, foreclosure, and others. One goal of the Academy is to increase public knowledge of and appreciation for the judicial system and the roles of attorneys and judges.

The Citizens Legal Academy is co-chaired by Kenneth Kleppel and Judge Robert C. McClelland, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.

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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