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## CMBA Names Co-Interim Directors

CLEVELAND – July 21, 2014 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) announces that Mary Groth, director of development and community programs, and Alla Leydiker, chief financial officer, will serve as co-interim directors effective immediately. They will serve in this capacity during the search phase for a new executive director for the CMBA.

“We are fortunate to have a very capable and professional staff, two of whom have been selected to serve as co-interim directors during this time of transition,” said Bruce Hearey, president of the CMBA. “Both Mary and Alla have intimate knowledge of the member and administrative needs of our association and foundation. Under their leadership, we expect our members will be served with the same excellent service they have come to expect from their bar association.”

The CMBA’s search for a new executive director is currently underway and the deadline for application is August 15, 2014. A search committee of CMBA and Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF) leaders has been established to find a replacement David R. Watson, who left the CMBA July 18 to become the executive director of the New York State Bar Association. Full details and job description are available at [www.CleMetroBar.org](http://www.CleMetroBar.org).

Until such time when a new executive director is named, Groth and Leydiker will share the responsibilities for both the CMBA and CMBF, overseeing administrative needs, member service, community programs and more that serve the CMBA members and the Greater Cleveland community.

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

### About the CMBF

The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation is the charitable arm and partner of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. It raises funds to support the important public outreach activities of the Association, which are organized primarily under the Justice For All umbrella. These activities include a variety of pro bono legal service, law-related education, tutoring and mentoring programs. Additionally, the CMBF assists the Association’s diversity and inclusion initiatives aimed at improving the pipeline of minority students entering the legal profession. <http://www.clemetrobar.org/foundation>.

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