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“Rock the Foundation” Moves to Cleveland Museum of Art for 10-Year Anniversary Celebration

Bar Foundation to Honor Dick Pogue at Celebration Event

CLEVELAND – January 13, 2015 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF) will host its 10th Rock the Foundation fundraiser in a new, premier venue - the Cleveland Museum of Art, on Saturday, February 14 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. As part of the 10th anniversary, the Bar Foundation will honor Richard W. “Dick” Pogue for his lifetime of service to the Cleveland community.

With Signature Sponsor FirstMerit PrivateBank, Rock the Foundation will celebrate the positive difference the Bar Foundation and its funded programs have made in the community, and raise additional funds for those award-winning programs.

To be held in the atrium of the museum, Rock the Foundation is open to the public and offers live music, world-class cuisine, an open bar, a green screen, 50/50 raffle, and other fun surprises. Live music will be performed by Heart and Soul, a dynamic and entertaining dance and show group in Northern Ohio.

“The tenth anniversary will be an event you won’t want to miss,” said CMBF President Tom Feher. “It’s on Valentine’s Day. It’s at an incredible Cleveland venue. We just can’t wait to roll out the red carpet for guests and celebrate together our love for the Bar Foundation and the programs it funds.”

General admission tickets are \$150. Tickets for the VIP pre-party reception are \$250 and include 6:30 p.m. admittance and exclusive access to a gallery at the museum, along with live music from Transportation Boulevard, drinks and hors d’oeuvres. Call 216-696-3525 or visit www.clemetrobar.org/RocktheFoundation for more information.

“Our tagline is ‘Lawyers Giving Back’ and our fundraising and funded programs reflect that focus,” added Feher. “So on the occasion of this special anniversary, we are so pleased to honor Dick Pogue. He truly embodies that shared commitment to give back and his leadership is the kind that makes a difference and inspires others to give back. We are grateful for his service to Cleveland and look forward thanking him.”

Ticket sales, sponsorships and event proceeds from Rock the Foundation have generated nearly \$1 million in its first nine years for the many Bar Foundation-funded programs and initiatives that serve the Cleveland metropolitan community and promote pro bono legal assistance and public law-related education, including The 3Rs (teaching and counseling 3,000 students in Cleveland and East Cleveland schools annually), the homeless legal assistance program (counseling more than 350 people every year), and high school mock trial competitions (bringing the law home to 900 students each year).

Sponsors for this year’s event include: **Signature Sponsor:** FirstMerit PrivateBank; **Gold Sponsor:** Ulmer & Berne LLP; **Silver Sponsors:** Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP; KPMG LLP; Mansour Gavin LPA; Medical Mutual of Ohio; Parker Hannifin Corporation; Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP; Reminger Co., L.P.A.; Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP; Third Federal Foundation; Thompson Hine LLP; Tucker Ellis LLP; **Green Screen Sponsor:** Special Counsel; **Bronze Sponsors:** First National Bank; Nurenberg, Paris, Heller & McCarthy Co., L.P.A.; Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.; Walter | Haverfield LLP; **Contributing Sponsors:** Bernstein Global Wealth Management; BNY Mellon Wealth Management; Case Western Reserve University School of Law; Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.; The Cleveland Foundation; Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis; Mishkind Law Firm Co., L.P.A.; The University of Akron School of Law; **Printing Sponsor:** Avalon Document Services. *Sponsors are current at time of release.*

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About the CMBF

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