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Bar Foundation to Host 69th Annual Public Servants Luncheon

CLEVELAND – August 21, 2015 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF) is proud to present the 69th Annual Franklin A. Polk Public Servants Merit Awards Luncheon on Friday, August 28 from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m. at the Cleveland Marriott at Key Center. The Awards Luncheon celebrates and honors public servants whose everyday commitment ensures full access to the justice system.

Each year city and county courts and government agencies are asked to nominate eligible recipients for their outstanding service to the legal profession, the general public, and our justice system. These merit awards are given for long and faithful service, devotion to duty, wise counsel, unfailing patience, and assistance to the public and members of the Bench and Bar of this county.

The 2015 Honorees are:

- Carl Bates, *Cleveland Municipal Court, Clerks Office*
- Salvatore G. Bucca, *Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court*
- Mary Elliott, *Cleveland Municipal Court Housing Division*
- Edward Fink, *Parma Municipal Court*
- James W. Ginley, *Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas*
- Barbara Heppner, *Cuyahoga County Public Defenders Office*
- Mary Pat Horwitz, *Eighth District Court of Appeals*
- Lori Kiefer, *Cuyahoga County Probate Court*
- Gilbert Glenn King, *Cleveland Municipal Court*
- David Kozlowski, *U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Trustee*
- Angela Lewis, *Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts*
- Melissa Reilly, *Rocky River Municipal Court*
- Carl Schiller, *Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court*

“This program is an opportunity for the public and legal community to express our heartfelt gratitude to these individual honorees who have gone above and beyond to provide service and assistance to public and who play such a critical role in our justice system,” said Hugh McKay, president of the CMBF.

The plan to honor deserving public servants was inaugurated in 1947 by the late Raymond D. Metzner, a past president of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association (CCBA). CCBA Past President Franklin A. Polk served annually as continuous chairman until 1986. Polk was involved with this program until his passing in 1991. In 1986, the Public Servants Merit Award was renamed the "Franklin A. Polk Public Servants Merit Award" to honor Polk's dedication and outstanding service to the CCBA and Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation (CCBF). In 2009, the Cleveland Bar Foundation and CCBF unified as the CMBF.

Sponsors* for this year's event include: Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP; Calfee Halter & Griswold LLP; Case Western Reserve University School of Law; Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; Hon. Diane Karpinski (retired); Kronenberg + Belovich Law LLC; Lynn Lazzaro; Scott Lewis; Barbara Roman; Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP; Tucker Ellis LLP; Ulmer & Berne LLP; and Walter | Haverfield LLP.

*Sponsors current as of release date.

For more information regarding the event, tickets or sponsorship, visit www.clemetrobar.org/public_servants.

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.
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