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Halloween Run for Justice Celebrates Year 14 with Cavs Spirit Edition

CLEVELAND – October 16, 2015 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF) will host its 14th Annual Halloween Run for Justice on Saturday, October 31 with racing events starting at 9 a.m. at the Galleria at Erieview. Planned with Hermes Sports and Events Cleveland, the day features 5 mile, 5 K and one mile runs and a 5 K or 1 mile walk, plus plenty of family-friendly and festive activities throughout the morning.

Themed the Cavs Spirit Edition, the CMBF is proud to be partnering with the Cleveland Cavaliers to make this an even more spirited special event. Joining in the fun will be the Cavs Scream Team, Spirit Squad, Moondog and Ahmaad to help everyone get pumped up for the run. Plus, our costume contest will include some very special prizes donated by the Cavs for costumes displaying the most Cavs Spirit. Be creative – costume prizes are awarded to all ages

Open to the public, proceeds from event registrations and sponsorships will benefit the CMBF, which funds the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's wide-ranging and innovative pro bono and community service programs, which currently include: The 3Rs – Rights, Responsibilities, Realities; The 3Rs+; Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance Program; High School Mock Trial Competitions; Pro Se Divorce Clinics; Reach Out Pro Bono for Nonprofits; Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts; Law Day; Louis Stokes Scholars Program; and Stephanie Tubbs Jones Summer Legal Academy.

"What a great way to celebrate Halloween and the opening of the 2015-16 Cavs season," said Hugh McKay, president of the CMBF. "The energy around this event is building as word spreads and we can't wait to see the final turnout for this year's special edition. From costumes to crafts, all the elements come together well to close out the National Celebrate Pro Bono week and raise the money that allows us to fund our law-related community and pro bono programs in the community."

Both runners and walkers of all ages are welcome to participate in this event. Following the race, awards will be presented to the top male and female runners, top runners among various age groups, fastest judge, fastest lawyer, and team contest winners. All attendees are encouraged to wear costumes and the best child and adult costumes also will be awarded. Other activities inside the Galleria will include pumpkin decorating, a DJ, face painting, a bouncy house and the balloon creations of Flower Clown.

Celebrate Pro Bono week is a special week that puts an annual, national spotlight on pro bono service. The National Pro Bono Celebration boasts thousands of special events nationwide, and Northeast Ohio's legal community partners with many community organizations to host many events, including the Halloween Run that help increase access to justice for all.

For more information regarding the event, registration or sponsorship, visit www.clemetrobar.org/halloweenrun.

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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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