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Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and Bar Foundation Announce New Officers *New Leaders to be Sworn in at Annual Meeting & Membership Expo on June 3*

CLEVELAND – May 23, 2016 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA) is pleased to announce its new slate of officers and trustees for the CMBA and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF). The new leaders will be sworn in at the CMBA's 9th Annual Meeting & Inaugural Luncheon on Friday, June 3 in the Grand Ballroom at Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland.

The 2016-2017 Bar Association officers will be: President **Richard D. Manoloff** (Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP); President-Elect **Darrell A. Clay** (Walter | Haverfield LLP); Vice President Marlon A. Primes (United States Attorney's Office); Treasurer **Joseph N. Gross** (Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP); Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion **Majeed G. Makhlof** (Berns, Ockner & Greenberger LLC), Vice President of Membership **R. Scott Heasley** (Gallagher Sharp LLP); and Secretary **Rebecca Ruppert McMahon** (executive director of the CMBA).

"The CMBA is in the fast lane, and is poised to floor it," said Rick Manoloff, incoming president of the CMBA. "With sensational space, a spectacular (non-boring) Strategic Plan, off-the-charts support from the Bar Foundation, and energetic leadership on multifarious fronts, Cleveland's organized legal community is expanding the nature and scope of services and professional growth opportunities for members, proactively promoting diversity and inclusion, convening stakeholders on significant issues, filling in access-to-justice gaps, and providing meaningful avenues to give back to our community... among so many other exciting programs and initiatives. The Annual Meeting and Expo will be an approbation and celebration of our meaningful vocation... in the best location in the nation – Cleveland! (Go Cavs!)."

The 2016-17 Bar Foundation officers will be: President **Drew Parobek** (Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP); President-Elect **Mitchell G. Blair** (Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP); Treasurer **Rosemary Sweeney** (Buckley King LLP); Vice President of Endowment **Ginger F. Mlakar** (The Cleveland Foundation); Vice President of Special Events **Patrick J. Krebs** (Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP); and Secretary **Rebecca Ruppert McMahon** (executive director of the CMBA).

"The Bar Foundation is coming off a year of tremendous accomplishment, providing great benefits to the award-winning Justice for All Programs of the CMBA that are so meaningful and important to our community," said Drew Parobek, incoming president of the Bar Foundation. "I know I speak for all of the Foundation's dedicated, hardworking trustees when I say that we look forward to another successful – and fun – year with our partner, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association."

In addition to the officers, six new CMBA Board Trustees and eight new Bar Foundation Board Trustees will be introduced at the Annual Meeting. Each new trustee will serve a three-year term, ending at the 2019 CMBA Annual Meeting.

New Bar Association Trustees

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At this year's event, the CMBA also will announce the 2016 annual award recipients for: The Honorable William K. Thomas Professionalism Award; Justice for All Volunteer of the Year Award; and President's Award.

The Annual Meeting, which is open to both CMBA members and the general public, begins this year with a Membership Expo. Doors open at 11 a.m. to provide attendees with the opportunity to connect with CMBA Section, Committee and Program leaders, as well as Cleveland businesses to learn about opportunities for engagement, volunteering and business development right here in Cleveland. It will also include live music from the Rocky River High School Jazz Band, refreshment and giveaways. The inaugural luncheon will begin promptly at 11:45 a.m. Immediately following the luncheon, the Expo will resume with live music from Transportation Boulevard, a cash bar and other surprises. For ticket information or additional details, please contact the CMBA at (216) 696-3525 or visit www.CleMetroBar.org/AnnualMeeting.

The CMBA thanks the sponsors supporting this year's annual meeting. **Platinum:** All Covered, Inc.; Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP; **Gold:** Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP; Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association; Maloney & Novotny LLC; Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP; Schneider Smeltz Spieth Bell LLP; Toshiba Business Solutions; Walter | Haverfield LLP; **Silver:** Avalon Document Services; Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP; Case Western Reserve University Law School; Cavitch, Familo & Durkin Co., LPA; Cliffs Natural Resources, Inc.; Frantz Ward LLP; Gallagher Sharp LLP; Giffen & Kaminski LLC; Greater Cleveland Partnership; Hennes Communications; Jones Day; McDonald Hopkins LLC; Nurenberg, Paris, Heller & McCarthy Co., LPA; Oswald Companies; Parker Hannifin Corporation; PNC Wealth Management; Reminger Co., LPA; Singerman, Mills, Desberg & Kauntz Co., LPA; Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber LLP; Stephanoff Rennillo LLC; Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP; Thompson Hine LLP; Tucker Ellis LLP; Ulmer & Berne LLP; Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP; **Table Sponsors:** BakerHostetler LLP; Buckley King LPA; Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; Diebold, Inc.; Grant Thornton LLP; Jackson Lewis P.C.; Legal Aid Society of Cleveland; Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis LPA; Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.; Reminger Co., LPA; Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP; Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan LPA. **Sponsors current as of press release distribution*

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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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