



THE RUN FOR JUSTICE

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It's Saturday, October 26th, and it's a beautiful morning in Cleveland! The sun is shining, the birds are chirping, and a slight breeze fills the air with the smell of fall. It's the kind of morning that makes you love living in Cleveland. You know exactly the kind of morning I am talking about. You roll out of bed and ask yourself, "How should I start my day?" Let me break from my normal practice and give you some free legal advice: come join the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation for the 18th annual Halloween Run for Justice.

The Halloween Run for Justice is one of the Cleveland legal community's hidden treasures. It brings together more than 500 people each year ranging from avid runners to casual walkers, all united in raising critical funds to support the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's nationally-recognized "Lawyers Giving Back" public outreach and pro bono legal service programs. The funds that we raise at this event help us achieve our mission to provide important law-related education and educational opportunities to students in the Cleveland and East Cleveland City Schools and throughout Northeast Ohio. The funds also allow us to provide access to justice for the homeless and others in need in our community.

If you come to the Halloween Run for Justice, you can expect to see judges, lawyers, friends, and their families dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes. Superheroes, sports stars, celebrities, and

politicians have all been known to make an appearance at our event. You can also expect plenty of games and entertainment both before and after the race at Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica on the West Bank of the Flats. If you have not joined us at this event in the past, please join us this year for what will be another terrific event at one of Cleveland's best venues.

The course for our event has changed a lot over the years. In the years that my family and I have participated in this event, it's safe to say that we have run past nearly every landmark in downtown Cleveland. That includes each of Cleveland's sports fields and arenas, Burke Lakefront Airport, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Public Square, and through the heart of Cleveland's business district. This year, the course will take us on a scenic route through the Flats. It's a great way to see parts of our great City that you don't get to see very often.

Fittingly, the Halloween Run for Justice has also taken us past the Justice Center. This issue of the Bar Journal is devoted to exploring various issues involving the Justice Center that have a direct impact on the legal community, our clients, and the community at large. As attorneys, there is

nothing more important than making sure that all people have equal access to justice. So while I hope you join us for the Halloween Run for Justice on October 26th, I also hope that you support the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation in our fight for a seat at the table to address these critical issues. It's a much longer run for justice, but it's one that is well worth running.

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