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## **Commercial Law League Selects 2014 Robert E. Caine Leadership Award Winner**

Chicago 10/8/2014 — The Commercial Law League of America is pleased to announce that it has chosen Robert Tharnish, of Buffalo, New York, as its 2014 Robert E. Caine Leadership Award winner.

Tharnish, Senior Vice President, Quality Assurance & Attorney Network Services at ABC/Amega, Inc., has been a CLLA member since 1998 and has served as CLLA Commercial Collection Agency Association (CCAA) Executive Council chair. He has also served as the council's chair-elect and treasurer.

“The CLLA is excited to present longtime member Bob Tharnish with the Caine award,” says CLLA President Barry Gammons, Law Offices of Barry J. Gammons PLLC. “He exemplifies industry leadership and community service that the award personifies.”

In past years, Tharnish has been involved with the CLLA's International Business Committee, Professional Responsibility Committee and Patron Fund Board, formed in 1993 to raise funds to augment league resources.

For many years, Tharnish has shared his expertise and knowledge by serving on numerous education panels at CLLA meetings, conducting presentations on the collections industry at local schools and trade and business groups, and conducting a series of presentations on U.S. credit and collections to various U.K. companies during a two-week country-wide tour sponsored by the British Department of Trade and Industry.

The Robert E. Caine Leadership Award is given each year to a CLLA member who demonstrates and encourages leadership among others within the CLLA; mentors others both within the CLLA and within the person's business segment; fosters goodwill, fraternity and confidence within the CLLA; and serves the community through personal efforts and/or charitable contributions.

The Caine award will be presented during the CLLA's Eastern Region Conference General Business Session on Thursday, Nov. 6. The conference, which includes diverse legal, collection-oriented and business education programming, networking and other events, will be held at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel (811 Seventh Ave.) from Nov. 6-8.

For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/1tm1GAX>. To set up an interview with award recipient Robert Tharnish, contact Communications Director Erin Brereton at 773.852.9684 or ebrereton@ccla.org.



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