

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL & SCHOOL SOLICITORS

SUBMITTED BY: George M. Janocsko

RE: 2007-2008 ACBA Association of Municipal & School Solicitors

Dear Mr. Blaner:

This is in response to your letter dated July 18, 2008 in which you requested a brief, written report detailing the activities and achievements of our Section during the past year.

I am pleased to report the following activities during the past year.

1) Publication of Directory - Municipal and School Solicitors

Through the efforts of Megan Ott, Esquire, of the law firm of Goehring, Rutter and Boehm, the Section compiled and provided to all of its members an updated list of names and addresses of all attorneys serving as solicitors for every municipality and school district in Allegheny County.

2) Speakers Program Instituted

To provide a focal point for our monthly meetings, the Section instituted a featured speaker program on topics of interest to our membership. The various topics covered at our monthly meetings included the following:

- Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Financing: The Role of the Solicitor
- Election Law: What Municipal and School Solicitors Need To Know
- Construction Law Issues Affecting Municipalities and School Districts
- Recent Developments in Current and Delinquent Tax Collection
- Current Developments in Labor Law Affecting Public Bodies
- Regulation of Public Nuisances - Quality of Life Ordinances

The speakers program has been very well received and has increased attendance at the monthly Section meeting.

3) Continuing Legal Education Program

On March 20, 2008, the Section, with the help of the Bar Association staff, offered a one credit ethics continuing legal education course on the Pennsylvania Ethics Act.

Through the efforts of Howard Schulberg, Esquire, also of Goehring, Rutter & Boehm and Brian Gabriel, Esquire, of the firm of Campbell, Durrant and Beatty, the Section was able to obtain John Contino, Esquire, the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission, as the featured presenter at the CLE.

4) Increased Support - ACBA Charitable Activities

The Section membership voted to increase our contribution to the Attorneys Against Hunger Campaign.

In summary, the Municipal and School Section had a productive 2007-2008 year. The membership hopes to build up its successes in the upcoming year by continuing the speakers program, by planning another CLE and by increasing its contribution to the Attorneys Against Hunger Program.

Very truly yours,
George M. Janocsko