

CONSTRUCTION LAW SECTION COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY: Scott D. Cessar

Re: 2007-2008 ACBA Construction Law Section Council

Dear Dave:

I write in response to your letter of July 18, 2008 asking for a brief written report detailing activities and achievements of our Section over the past year and the plans for the future year.

As to the year 2007-2008, I am pleased to report that I believe that we were able to continue the momentum started by my immediate past two predecessors, Bill Clifford and Dick Kotarba.

Over the past year, we increased our membership by over 10%. We held two very well attended continuing legal education seminars. In addition, both of our principal member social functions, our Holiday Party in December and our Annual Meeting in June, were extremely well attended and, I think, reinforced the general spirit of camaraderie prevalent among members of our Section.

In addition, we undertook a significant project in revamping and revising the arbitration service we provide to our members. On that subject, we rewrote the rules and procedures of the program in their entirety, revamped the fee schedule and, by way of a seminar, certified over 50 persons, both legal and lay, to serve as arbitrators.

Looking to the coming year, I will not deign to offer any suggestions for my very worthy successor, Joe Luciana, however, I would think that one of the things the Section will attempt to do is to increase the profile of the new arbitration service so as to increase its use.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for all of your excellent help over the past year and to wish you all well.

Sincerely yours,
Scott D. Cessar