

LAWYER INSURANCE COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY: James R. Schadel

RE: 2007-2008 Lawyer Insurance Committee Report

Dear David:

Please accept this report as the ACBA Lawyer Insurance Committee Annual Report for the 2007-2008 time period.

The primary mission of the Lawyer Insurance Committee is to receive information and make recommendations to the Board regarding the administration of the various insurance programs endorsed by or made available to members of the Allegheny County Bar Association. In this regard, we work in close consultation with the ACBA's broker, USI Insurance Services, now USI Anfinity. The largest programs provided are the health insurance and lawyers professional liability insurance. However, the Bar also endorses numerous other insurance programs as a member benefit. The Committee has this year held meetings to review the status of insurance programs and has received presentations from the broker and/or the insurers regarding the medical program and the professional liability program. In addition, the Chair of the Committee, the Vice Chair of the Committee, and selected other members of the Committee have met several times with representatives of the Bar and/or its broker, USI, and/or the Lawyers Professional Liability insurer, Westport Insurance Company, in connection with the administration of the endorsed insurance program. Various reports and information (confidential in nature) have been received and studied by the Committee.

In 2007-2008, we have strived to continue to increase the coordination of our activities in Allegheny County with the activities of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. In our negotiations with USI, we have secured a specific understanding that Allegheny County Bar will be more significantly involved in future decision making processes regarding rate changes with respect to the lawyers professional liability program.

One of the principle accomplishments of this year is the work the Committee did in connection with the evaluation of an ultimate renewal of the broker relationship between ACBA and USI. Under the direction of the Executive Director, the Committee was involved in extensive work and evaluating the manner in which we relate to our insurance broker and in negotiating and ultimately arriving at a very satisfactory renewal agreement with USI that will provide continuation of the mutually beneficial arrangement for the next five years.

Please let me know if you require additional information.

Very truly yours,
James R. Schadel