

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY: Robert Racunas

2007-2008 Legislative Committee

The ACBA Legislative Committee is responsible for tracking legislative developments at the local, state and national levels. The Committee works actively to support the ACBA Board of Governors adopted "Legislative Priorities." Legislative strategist Chuck Kolling, from Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, continued to provide support, advice, and direction to the Committee and ACBA staff.

In addition to Mr. Kolling's work with legislators both at "home" and in Harrisburg, a local meeting was held on April 23 with Representatives Walko, Ramaley, Creighton, and Mantz. Committee representatives also attended the PBA Day on the Hill on Monday, May 5. More than twenty legislators were personally visited on May 5 and May 6.*

Issues discussed included preserving legal advertising, requesting local support for the LRAP program, continuation of the 2 million dollars appropriation for Allegheny County court security, and increased funding for civil legal aid.

There is general agreement that our legislative presence has been successful and is essential in having the interests of our members represented in Harrisburg. It is also contemplated that Chuck Kolling will continue to be retained to provide access to our legislative leaders.

Sincerely,
Bob Racunas, Chair

*Senators:

Costa
Ferlo
Fontana
Logan
Orie
Pippy
Stout

Representatives:

Bennington
DeLuca
Dermody
Ellis
Frankel
Gergely
Kortz
Kotik
Levdansky
Ramaley
Smith
Vulakovich
Walko
White