

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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RE: 2007-2008 Publications Committee Report

Dear Mr. Blaner:

As requested, please accept the following as the report of the Publications Committee of the activities of this past year and a discussion of our plans for the coming year.

Principal efforts during the period of 2007-2008 dealt with attempting to increase the number of opinions and jury verdicts reported in the *PLJ*, and has also involved efforts to develop inventory and tracking systems for both opinions and verdicts which will allow us to assure that we are publishing as high a percentage of opinions issued and jury verdicts rendered as is possible.

During this year, the Publications Committee dealt with the question of the continuation of the publication of *Today's Attorney*, which presented significant advertising concerns. Ultimately, the decision was made to suspend publication of that magazine on a regular basis. Finally, the Publications Committee continued to work on the development of the Jury Verdict Software Program.

Our goals for this upcoming year will be to continue to publish as many opinions and jury verdict reports as is possible, given the demands on the ACBA staff and the ACBA members who edit the opinions and prepare the reports. Recruitment of additional members to assist in these areas so that acceptable numbers of opinions and jury verdicts are published will continue. I view these as the two most important actions that the Publications Committee can take.

Very truly yours,
Thomas A. Berret