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WEISS NAMED SUPER LAWYER for THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR Attorney Brings Wealth of Public Sector Expertise across Commonwealth

*PITTSBURGH – May 30, 2007 ~ Distinguished education attorney Ira Weiss has been named “the best of the best” for the third consecutive year as a 2007 Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics* and *Philadelphia Magazine*.*

The super lawyer status ranks his legal talent among the top five percent of the 45,000 attorneys practicing in Pennsylvania. Weiss, 58, is Solicitor of the School District of Pittsburgh. His firm, The Law Offices of Ira Weiss, is widely respected for its innovative representation of school districts and public sector entities across the Commonwealth. The firm will be featured in the June 15 edition of *Forbes Magazine* for leading public school systems to the forefront of the educational sector, while often breaking legal ground along the way.

The objective of the super lawyer selection process is to create a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of outstanding attorneys. The process for getting recognized includes extensive polling, scrupulous research and an exhaustive candidate credential review process. Those named have achieved an exceptionally high degree of both peer recognition and outstanding legal talent. “It’s a tremendous honor when colleagues across the state repeatedly commend your career accomplishments,” Weiss said.

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Since 1976, Weiss has advised municipalities and school districts on high profile public sector finance issues. His areas of concentration include real estate tax assessment, labor, zoning, construction, special education, delinquent tax services, legislative enactments and general litigation. His distinguished legal career culminates in three decades of success stories for school districts, municipal entities and authorities. He was the Allegheny County from 1992 to 1995 and its deputy solicitor between 1981 and 1992. Weiss currently represents a multitude of diverse public sector entities. He received his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh and his J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law, where he is an adjunct professor of law.

Weiss serves on the Board of Directors of the Education Policy and Leadership Center and is a founding director of the Homeless Children's Fund. The numerous organizations his is active with include the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, the Tri-State Area School Study Council, the Pennsylvania Business Institute, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Local Government Academy.

The Law Offices of Ira Weiss has recently expanded all practice areas to provide an increased level and range of services to school districts and municipal clients. There has been a full spectrum of unique and challenging issues emerging across both these sectors and the expansion has allowed the firm to build upon practice areas where it is already strong. The firm is nationally recognized for the depth and breadth of its educational sector legal expertise.