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Attorney Ira Weiss Receives President's Award for Distinguished Career Achievement by the Pennsylvania School Board Solicitor's Association

PITTSBURGH, October 15, 2008 – The Pennsylvania School Board Solicitor's Association (PSBSA) today presented its President's Award for Distinguished Career Achievement to renowned municipal Attorney Ira Weiss at PSBSA's School Law Workshop in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

The annual award recognizes a PSBSA member who has contributed to Pennsylvania School Law through achievement at the highest level of professional accomplishment and has donated energy and talent to the Association, its members and to Pennsylvania's Public Schools.

President of the PSBSA Attorney George Joseph of Erie, PA, commented on Attorney Weiss's selection as this year's honoree:

"Ira Weiss has never shied away from the difficult case, and has contributed to the development of law, including the recent landmark decision on tax assessment. The Pittsburgh Public Schools recognized his talent in appointing him as their Solicitor in 2007. His office also represents numerous other public school districts and local government bodies. His contributions to the area of school law, and his reputation as a 'giant' in the profession, are well known throughout the Commonwealth. It is a pleasure to present to Attorney Weiss this well-deserved honor."

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“It is humbling and an honor to be recognized by peers for work that I enjoy every day,” said Attorney Weiss. “The real benefit and enjoyment is working with elected officials, superintendents and the public to get things done. I have been fortunate to work with such outstanding lawyers, colleagues and clients who care about having the right outcome,” said Weiss.

About Attorney Weiss

Ira Weiss, Esq., is widely acknowledged as Pennsylvania's municipal lawyer. For more than three decades, Weiss has advised municipalities and school districts on public sector finance issues such as real estate tax assessment litigation, labor, zoning, construction, legislative enactments and general litigation. He is currently Special Tax & General Counsel for the School District of Pittsburgh. In addition to serving as Solicitor for various other local school districts and governments, Attorney Weiss provides delinquent tax collection services for several municipalities and school districts throughout Western PA.

A former Solicitor for Allegheny County, Weiss received his J.D. from Duquesne University and B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh. He was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Duquesne University and has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for three consecutive years. He served on the Board of Directors of the Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC), a nonprofit industry association that encourages more effective state-level policies to improve public education in Pennsylvania. From 1981 to 1992, he was Deputy Solicitor for Allegheny County, and subsequently served as its Solicitor until 1995.

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