

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jessica Engel, Executive Director
Lycoming Law Association

FROM: Fred A. Holland, Esquire

DATE: January 5, 2005

RE: Report of LLA Real Estate Committee

The Real Estate Committee met three times in 2004. The main topic of concern was the proposed passage by the Lycoming County Commissioners of an ordinance requiring that a uniform parcel identifier (typically the tax parcel number) be affixed to deeds, mortgages, releases, assignments, satisfaction pieces, rights-of-way, easements, and various other documents. The Committee was concerned that the passage of the ordinance would cause delays in recording of documents and other logistical problems with real estate closings and their aftermath. Despite our best efforts, the Commissioners have in fact passed the ordinance which was effective January 1, 2005. All members of the Bar have probably received information from the Recorder's office regarding the new fees that are applicable. Also, members of the Bar need to be made aware of the fact that documents cannot be recorded until they have been stamped and approved by the Lycoming County Department of Economic Development and Planning Services.

To date, the County Department has handled documents presented to them efficiently, and the Committee intends to continue meeting with County officials to make the system work as smoothly as possible.

Other issues discussed included the South Williamsport rental inspection ordinance and the possibility of embarking on an advertising campaign to benefit real estate lawyers in the county.

Respectfully submitted,

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