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Jessica Engel, Executive Director  
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**Re: Report of Bench/Bar Committee of  
Lycoming Law Association -- 2007**

Dear Jessica:

The members of the Bench/Bar Committee for 2006 were as follows:

Honorable Clinton W. Smith, Honorable Kenneth Brown, Honorable William S. Kieser, Honorable Nancy Butts, Honorable Dudley Anderson, Honorable Richard Gray, Kevin Way, Court Administrator, William Burd, Prothonotary, Richard Callahan, Roan Confer, Jr., Robert Elion, Jennifer Heverly, William Knecht, Marc Lovecchio, Joy Reynolds McCoy, C. Edward S. Mitchell, John Pietrovito, Joseph L. Rider, Clifford A. Rieders, Patricia Shipman, Mike Wiley, Darryl Wishard, W. Jeffrey Yates.

The Committee met April 2, August 6 and December 3, 2007. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the Lycoming Law Association web site.

Attendance at meetings improved during 2007. Topics discussed included: raising jurisdictional limits for compulsory arbitration, abuse of PFA pro bono system by attempts to expand PFA proceedings to include issues in pending divorce action, district justices failing to honor IFP status, new Orphans' Court rules, new decisions affecting sentencings in DUIs, court calendar, judicial assignments, attendance at Bar functions, security in the courthouse and in the court rooms, equipment for use in playing videos during trials, changes in juvenile court rules, case management in criminal court matters.

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Meetings for 2008 are scheduled as follows: January 7, April 7, August 4 and December 1.

Respectfully submitted,



C. Edward S. Mitchell, Chairman

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