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MONTCO LAWYERS CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL LAW-RELATED CAUSES
Contributions to Legal Aid Alone Topped \$268,000 in '07

Norristown, PA -- The Montgomery Bar Association (MBA) announced today that contributions from its member attorneys to Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania (LASP) exceeded \$268,000 in 2007 – up slightly from the previous year's record high according to LASP Co-Executive Director, Harvey Strauss. Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania, a non-profit corporation that provides pro bono civil legal services to low-income persons, victims of domestic abuse and neglect, and the elderly in the county is one of several causes that receives ongoing support from the Montgomery Bar and its members.

At the end of '07, MBA leadership presented a check in the amount of \$23,000 to Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania (LASP). This amount represented the balance of \$40,000 committed annually by the Bar Association to support Legal Aid operations in Montgomery County. In addition to the \$40,000 received each year from the Association, thousands more were donated by the Bar in free, state-required legal education. According to Strauss, "Financial contributions by [MBA] member attorneys amounted to nearly \$100,000 in '07. Strauss adds, "This is an impressive number considering many of the same Montgomery County lawyers volunteered over of 1100 hours of pro bono service to Legal Aid in '07."

Legal Aid is just one of many local law-related causes that Montgomery County Lawyers continue to support each year through volunteering and financial contributions. The Association's charitable arm, the Montgomery Bar Foundation (montgomerybarfoundation.org), donated its third annual commitment of \$25,000 to MCAP: The Montgomery Child Advocacy Project (www.mcapkids.org). The Bar Foundation assists and provides funding for law-related educational, charitable, and humanitarian projects throughout Montgomery County and has provided over \$250,000 in funding to such related organizations over the past decade.

About the Montgomery Bar Association

Established in 1885 to professionalize the county's practice of law, the Montgomery Bar Association (MBA) is one of our nation's oldest and most respected bar associations, representing over 2,100 legal professionals in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Now, as then, the MBA exists to uphold legal and ethical standards in our legal community. As the 3rd largest Bar in Pennsylvania, the MBA has a longstanding tradition of service to its membership and the community. For members, the MBA offers an important arena for networking, professional development and education. For the community, the MBA serves as a legal resource offering education, legal assistance and funds and resources for agencies in need. The Association is actively engaged in public service through community outreach, free educational events offered throughout the year, programs like the Montgomery Child Advocacy Project, the Mock Trial Competitions for high-school students, and more . For more information on the Montgomery Bar Association, visit www.montgomerybar.org.

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