

## **Statements of Financial Interests Must Disclose Additional Public Offices**

The Public Official and Public Employee Ethics Act ("Ethics Act"), 65 Pa.C.S. § 1101 et seq., and related Regulations, 51 Pa. Code § 11.1 et seq., require public officials, e.g., school board members, and public employees to file a Statement of Financial Interests each year for the public position(s) they hold and the year following termination of service. In complying with this requirement, it is often overlooked that elected school board members must list on their Statement of Financial Interests any additional public offices along with the primary elected public office.

For example, school board members elected as their school board's representative to a vo-tech joint board committee or an intermediate unit board are required to revise or file a new Statement of Financial Interests identifying this additional public office, prior to assuming this additional position. This requirement also applies to elected alternates, vo-tech chief administrators (often the superintendent of a member school district), and treasurers. As a result of the above disclosure requirements, all Statements of Financial Interests maintained at a home school district, vo-techs, and/or intermediate units must be updated to disclose all positions requiring disclosure.

Clients who have questions regarding issues discussed in this article, or any education law matter, should feel free to call us at 215-345-9111.