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SMC Harrisburg Lobbying Trip Report, June 13th, 14th, and 15th

By Eileen Anderson, Director, Government Relations

The purpose of this whirlwind trip was to distribute SMC's 2017 State Position Papers and speak with lawmakers about SMC's top agenda items before the House and Senate passed the 2017-18 budget and voted on any legislation riding along with the budget. Once the budget is passed lawmakers will depart for summer recess.

Several of SMC's issues have seen action recently; state pension reform, regulations, and workforce development. Other issues are longer term but it always pays to bring them to the attention of lawmakers and keep them on their agenda. [Read More>>](#)

WANTED:

The PA House Republican Policy Committee, Chaired by Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, will travel the state on a "Jobs Tour" in late summer and is looking for examples of small and large businesses who have been trying to grow, invest and hire new employees but have been stopped or delayed by PA government. SMC will collect your stories. Just call Eileen Anderson at 412-342-1606, eileenanderson@smc.org

Coming in the August Issue:

- A Comprehensive Look at the 2017-18 State Budget
- The Next Step for State Pension Reform
- Regulatory Relief in 2018?

SAVE THE DATE!

SMC'S Annual
Legislative Reception

September 28, 2017

6:00 PM
The Rivers Club, Pgh.

Mark your calendar today for this gala event. It's a great opportunity to network with your colleagues, entertain your clients, and meet lawmakers and staff. Following tradition, a **Small Business Issues Forum**, where all can voice their concerns, will be held prior to the Reception from 5:00-6:00 PM, same location.

SMC Lobbying Results

Does lobbying really work? Sure it does. It's a matter of being at the right place at the right time with the right message, and being persistent. Legislative action on some issues takes years to accomplish. Here's a brief overview of some current successes....

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Contract Issues For Small Business Owners Choice of Law and Choice of Venue – Why These Provisions DO Matter

By Delia Bouwers Bianchin, The Lynch Law Group



Welcome to Part 3 of this multi-article series regarding contract interpretation for business owners. The first article in the series touched on important considerations when reviewing an indemnification clause and in the second article

we focused on warranty language. If you missed them, you can read them here: [Reviewing the Indemnification Clause, Warranty Language - Does it Fit the Situation?](#) [Read More>>](#)