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### **Attorneys Joseph J. McGrory, Jr. and John F. Walko Present on Moran Decision at Montgomery County Zoning Officials Association Luncheon**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA. July 23, 2015: Attorneys Joseph J. McGrory and John F. Walko were the speakers at the Montgomery County Zoning Officers Association luncheon on June 10, 2015. The presentation addressed the impact of the Moran decision on the conduct of zoning officers. In attendance were zoning officers from Montgomery, Chester, and Bucks Counties, as well as some elected officials.

**Joseph J. McGrory, Jr.** is Chairman of the Municipal Law Department at Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, and a member of the Real Estate Department. He has over 30 years of experience handling zoning, subdivision, land development and municipal law matters. Joe currently serves as Township Solicitor for Upper Merion Township, Limerick Township, Douglass (Berks) Township, and West Conshohocken Borough. He is also the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for Plymouth Township. He has represented many townships in the past and he is currently special counsel to townships for difficult or complex cases. In the land use area, Joe has significant experience in cases involving power plants, quarries, mobile home parks, high rise complexes, a 2,000 unit complex, billboards, trash to energy plants and many other difficult land use cases. A past chairman of the Montgomery Bar Association Real Estate Committee, Joe has also served on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Bar Association. Joe currently serves on the Council of the Municipal Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. A frequent lecturer on real estate law subjects, Joe has been called upon to speak several times at the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Real Estate Institute and at the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. In 1998, Joe formed the Montgomery County Zoning Officers Association and he continues to be its solicitor and a frequent speaker at its meetings. Joe has been selected to the 2014 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list. Each year, no more than five percent of the lawyers in the state are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers to receive this honor. A graduate of Delaware Law School, (J.D. 1983), Joe received his undergraduate degree from Villanova University (B.S. 1980).

Although **John F. Walko** assists with the firm's array of municipal clients, John serves primarily as Assistant Solicitor to Upper Merion Township, and in the past has served as Assistant Solicitor to neighboring Bridgeport Borough. John started his legal career as an associate attorney for HRMM&L. In 2008, John left the firm to become an Assistant District Attorney in the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. While serving as a county prosecutor, John gained a reputation as an honest, skilled and prepared trial attorney as he progressed through the Pretrials, Juvenile, and Major Crimes Units. In 2011, he was promoted to Captain of Economic Crimes for Montgomery County, where he worked with local law enforcement to investigate and prosecute complex, white collar, financial crimes. After leaving the District Attorney's Office in 2013, John worked for a local law firm where he focused on personal injury, estate, and criminal defense matters. In 2014, John was voted "Best of MontCo" in *The Times Herald* newspaper in three separate categories, Criminal Defense, Personal Injury and Wills & Estates.

John received his law degree from Villanova Law School in 2007, where he received awards for his pro bono service, trial team, and moot court board participation. Prior to law school, John received his Masters and Associates degrees from Bryn Athyn College, and his Bachelor's degree, *summa cum laude*, from West Virginia University in 2002. John is an active member of the Montgomery and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

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