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LANJ and Industry Now Even Closer to Regulators

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Matthew Daus, general counsel for the Limousine Associations of New Jersey (LANJ) and president of the International Association of Transportation Regulators (IATR), announced to the LANJ board of directors and the general membership at the September 21 luncheon that LANJ executive director, Barry Lefkowitz, has been retained to represent the IATR as their federal lobbyist.

The LANJ board registered their backing for this appointment. President Tim Rose sees it as a great opportunity for the industry to have an even closer working relationship with regulators and to be on top of issues being considered by the regulator industry.

Lefkowitz has indicated that the IATR is considering support of chauffeured transportation's efforts to amend the RIDE Act to protect operators from unreasonable fees and charges at airports unless specific services are provided of comparable value. He also has made it known that "Driver Alert" legislation, which concerns distracted drivers and already has been dealt with in New Jersey and New York with LANJ input, is on the agenda for the IATR in Washington, D.C.

Window Tinting Battle Lines Drawn

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As noted in last month's E-News, LANJ has been concerned about the unfair and unnecessary summons that are being issued in New York for window tinting. At the September 21 LANJ membership meeting, Matthew Daus provided an update on this ongoing fight with the John F. Kennedy International Airport, the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) and the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission (NYC TLC). His staff had assembled a comprehensive analysis which reveals 1) the issuing of multiple summons for the same violation violates the law (summons have been issued for each window of one vehicle or four summons in total) and 2) the reciprocity between New Jersey and New York is being violated.

On LANJ operators' behalf, Daus now has spoken to the commander of The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey and the deputy director of the NYC TLC and both agreed that the summons should stop. He also intends to set a meeting with the NYC police chief to help educate his officers on unlawful summons writing for window tinting.

Given this, no more tickets should be written at John F. Kennedy International Airport or by the Taxi & Limousine Commission. Should you receive a summons, please advise LANJ executive director Barry Lefkowitz at barry.lefkowitz@mgr-lobbyist.com or (609) 267-2855.

Industry Input on Issues with Illegal Operators Sought

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Recently the State of New Jersey created a Passenger Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC) to review existing rules, regulations and statutes for all passenger modes of transportation. LANJ executive director, Barry Lefkowitz, has been selected as a PTAC member to represent the interests of chauffeured transportation on the council.

Although the limousine industry is considered to be the most modern of transportation industries in the state, problems still exist, e.g. OL plated vehicles operating like taxis, OL plated vehicles operating like community service vehicles, OX plated vehicles doing chauffeured transportation work but not being insured for the required liability coverage. Should you encounter such vehicles and/or operators, please notify LANJ executive director Barry Lefkowitz at barry.lefkowitz@mgr-lobbyist.com or (609) 267-2855. Your notification may remain anonymous. Notifications received prior to October 7 will be brought forward at the next PTAC meeting.

LANJ Forms Relationship with MTG/Micro-Green

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The Limousine Associations of New Jersey (LANJ) has recently partnered with Modern Technologies Group (MTG) to present their cost and carbon reducing Micro-Green oil filter to the State of New Jersey. The Micro-Green oil filter has proven to be a very effective product for operators throughout the chauffeured transportation industry with more than 7,500 vehicles already converted. Operators who use the product report significant reductions to their company's carbon footprint and substantial reductions to their oil maintenance expenses.

MTG senior sales manager Brian O'Neill, who will be a guest speaker at the LANJ membership meeting on November 8 in Atlantic City, will advise how your company can gain profitability through sustainability. For more information, contact MTG at (800) 362-6224 x272 or brian@mtgparts.com.

LANJ Member Benefit: Solveras Payment Solutions

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LANJ is pleased to offer a cost-savings program with Solveras Payment Solutions, one of the leading payment processing experts for small-to-medium sized businesses. They provide all LANJ members a free savings analysis of their current credit processing rates. In addition to credit card processing, Solveras offers a wide array of solutions to help process electronic payments including e-check, remote deposit capture, web-based transactions, recurring payment plans and electronic invoicing. For more information, visit www.solveras.com.

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