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## Allied Service Provider Program Welcomes Axe & Ecklund, P.C.

LANSING—**Axe & Ecklund, P.C.**, with offices in Grosse Pointe Farms, has enrolled as a **Michigan Townships Association Allied Service Provider**. As part of the *Leadership Circle*, the \$5,000 investment by Axe & Ecklund, P.C. will be used to improve the overall effectiveness of township government through more productive business practices, better education, and enhanced communications.

“I commend Axe & Ecklund’s decision to join forces with MTA as we strive to strengthen the services that are provided to townships throughout the state as they endeavor to meet the needs of local residents and businesses,” said **Don R. Hilton, Sr.**, president of the Michigan Townships Association. “The firm’s commitment as an Allied Service Provider at the Leadership Circle level speaks volumes about their interest in serving local communities.”

Since 1990, Axe & Ecklund, P.C. (along with its predecessor John R. Axe and Associates) has been advising townships, counties and other governmental units on the best way to issue municipal bonds and notes. The firm principally assists governmental units in raising funds by structuring the borrowings, preparing all legal documents, conducting a competitive sales and providing its unqualified opinion on the validity and tax exemption of the bond issue. In addition, Axe & Ecklund develops customized ways for a municipality to market its bonds, notes, and other debt and revenue obligations.

“We represent a number of townships around the state of Michigan, and as they expand their services to their residents, we as bond counsel are instrumental in working with them to help them grow in the most effective way possible,” said **Peter S. Ecklund, Jr.**, shareholder of Axe & Ecklund, P.C. “Townships are a big part of our business, and we want to be involved in their continued growth.”

MTA’s Allied Service Provider program has three levels of participation: President’s Round Table (\$10,000), Leadership Circle (\$5,000), and Keystone Club (\$2,000). Although participation in the Allied Service Provider program does *not* constitute or imply MTA’s endorsement of a company, or its products or services, those enrolled in the program are expected to maintain good business practices and operate in an ethical manner.

The Michigan Townships Association is the exclusive legislative and public advocate for Michigan’s 1,242 townships and is the foremost source of quality education and information for Michigan’s elected and appointed township officials. For more information about MTA’s Allied Service Provider program, visit [www.michigantownships.org](http://www.michigantownships.org).

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