

A&G Attorneys Among Those Recognized For Philadelphia's Model Diabetes Protocols

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On the eve of the world's largest scientific gathering dedicated to the treatment of diabetes, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) is recognizing the City of Philadelphia for its role in developing protocols for proper treatment of diabetics while in police custody, an effort in which Archer attorneys played a key part. As a precursor to the ADA's 72nd Annual Scientific Sessions, June 8 to 12 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, the Association's Board of Directors will host a reception on June 7 in recognition of a collaborative effort with the City that resulted in policies and procedures to ensure that diabetics in police custody have access to food, medication and health care personnel, and that police officers receive training on the medical needs of people with diabetes. The policies, procedures and training materials, including an instructional poster and video, serve as a national model.

Prior to joining Archer, attorneys Jeffrey M. Scott and Carlton L. Johnson served as high-ranking members of the City of Philadelphia Law Department and were deeply involved in creating the model protocols and training materials. Mr. Johnson, as former Chief Deputy City Solicitor for the Civil Rights Unit, supervised the City's response to a federal class action lawsuit regarding treatment of diabetics in police custody. Mr. Scott, as Divisional Deputy City Solicitor in the Civil Rights Unit, managed the litigation for the City, including negotiating an agreement with the ADA on policies and procedures. In addition, Mr. Scott continued to be involved with the matter after joining Archer, working closely with the ADA and the City's medical contractor to monitor adherence to the protocols, fine tune them in response to experience, and eventually resolve the lawsuit through settlement.

The American Diabetes Association's Scientific Sessions will draw 13,000 of the world's leading diabetes experts to Philadelphia to share the latest cutting-edge research and learn the most up-to-date information on

prevention, treatment and care. Additional information about the conference is available at http://www.diabetes.org/news-research/research/scientific-sessions.html.

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