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As concerns grow about spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), we at O'Keefe Lyons & Hynes, LLC, are taking action to both protect the public health and maintain operational continuity. We are well prepared to continue delivering legal services throughout this global health crisis. Our robust technology systems will enable us to work remotely in a secure data environment. We hope to do so without interruption in our representation of your interests.

In terms of the property tax appeal cycle, the timing of this event is relatively fortunate. The Board of Review is wrapping up the 2019 appeal process. The Assessor's Office is just beginning the 2020 Triennial Reassessment. It will be months before 2020 appeals may be filed in the Board of Review – where the likelihood of an assessment reduction is greatest. Both agencies require electronic filing which greatly enhances our ability to practice remotely.

Similarly, this is not a season in which new tax objection lawsuits must be filed and, where necessary, e-filing of new cases can and would still be made. Further, the Circuit Court of Cook County has announced that the courts will “pause” most civil matters for approximately 30 days.

We will continue to monitor all forums for appeals and respond as needed.

We appreciate your confidence in our law firm and the opportunity to serve you. We hope your businesses continue to thrive and that you and your loved ones remain healthy. Our thoughts are with all who will be impacted by this global health crisis. We hope that responsible actions will “flatten the curve.”

Sincerely,

All of us at O'Keefe Lyons & Hynes, LLC