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### **Educational Finance Law (3rd Edition) Now Available**

DAYTON, Ohio—July 5, 2007—The Education Law Association (ELA) announces its most recent publication: *Educational Finance Law: Constitutional Challenges to State Aid Plans—An Analysis of Strategies* by R. Craig Wood.

Each state legislature has created a system of state and local monies for the financing of public elementary and secondary education that has evolved over a lengthy period of time. The financing of public education has a long history involving the tension within society in terms of education finance methodology and adjudicating these methodologies relative to various equity agendas, including perceived wrongs in society. This book examines this history and reviews several strategies currently in place in constitutional challenges to funding public education.

Author, R. Craig Wood, is a leading scholar in the field of education finance as well as education law. His research and work regarding the methods of distributing school finance aid have appeared in numerous scholarly law and education journals and books, and he is one of the most prolific authors in America regarding the financing of elementary and secondary education. Wood's publications record includes more than 275 book chapters, monographs, scholarly journal articles, and law reviews, including the American Education Finance Association's Annual Yearbooks, *Journal of Education Finance*, and the Education Law Association's *Handbook of School Law* series. His books include *Educational Finance Law*, *Fiscal Leadership for Schools*, *Principles of School Business Management*, and *Money and Schools*. His latest text, (co-authored with David C. Thompson of Kansas State University) *Financing Public Education*, is forthcoming.

Wood has published and presented numerous times, including general sessions for ELA Annual Conferences; he has served on the Board of Directors and is a Past President of the Education Law Association; and he is a Past President of the American Education Finance Association. He serves on the editorial boards of West's *Education Law Reporter*, *Journal of Education Finance*, and *Educational Considerations* as well as the *University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy*. Wood also designed the current system of financing public elementary and secondary education for the Missouri Legislature. Most recently, he has measured the cost of educational adequacy for the state legislatures of Montana and Rhode Island. Additionally, Wood has served as the lead expert witness for state legislatures regarding education finance constitutional challenges for such states as Florida, Missouri, Montana, South Dakota, and Texas.

M. David Alexander, President of ELA, comments, "Dr. Craig Wood is one of the leaders of school finance in the United States. He has written extensively in this area producing books, articles, and monographs. This third edition written by Craig is another outstanding example of his knowledge and expertise in the field of school finance and draws on his experience as an expert witness in equity and adequacy litigation. His new book adds greatly to the literature in the explication of Constitutional Concepts of School Finance."

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