

PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY LEAGUE STAFF PROFILE

Harry J. Miller, CPA

Senior Research Associate

Central Division

Education:

A.B. - History and Government; Minor - Economics and Accounting,
King's College, Wilkes-Barre (1965)

M.I.S. - International Relations, American University, Washington, D.C. (1969)

License:

Pennsylvania Certified Public Accountant

Responsibilities/Experience with PEL:

Joined PEL in 1993. Conducts research and provides advisory services on municipal management, budgeting and finance, public safety, personnel and labor relations, land use planning, zoning, and related matters. Projects have included: analyzing financial conditions and recommending actions to improve operations and finances; analyzing organizational structures and developing plans for improving performance; assessing the opportunities to improve services and reduce costs through intergovernmental cooperation; analyzing school district demographics and community growth patterns and projecting enrollments; assisting government study commissions; analyzing a community's relative ability to finance proposed improvements to public school buildings; and developing strategic plans.

Other Professional Experience:

Public Sector

Served in senior management positions in city government in Pennsylvania. Also provided consulting services on municipal finances and labor relations.

Served as Wilkes-Barre City Administrator with responsibility for the daily management of all City departments and work force in excess of 500 employees. Designed and implemented computerized fund accounting system; developed comprehensive capital and operating budgets; negotiated and administered collective bargaining agreements; wrote city administrative code and other ordinances.

Served as Director of Operations for Wilkes-Barre's Community Development office. Responsibilities included the development of the statistical framework for Community Development Block Grants, creation of the related computerized budget and accounting systems, and negotiations and operation of third party contracts.

Private Sector

Served as Assistant Treasurer and Manager of Financial Services for a Pennsylvania-based insurance firm. In this capacity, managed all accounting, financial reporting, and analysis for a company with assets in excess of eighty million dollars; hired, trained, and supervised an accounting staff of eight employees; directed accounts receivable and payable functions; administered the preparation of the Annual Statement for more than thirty state insurance commissioners; represented the company in financial examinations; performed profitability modeling and reinsurance pooling analysis; and purchased and initiated PC systems for investment accounting, tax preparation, and integrated word processing.

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