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PETER HUTCHINGS JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

(White Plains, New York) Robert Hermann, President of the Board of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley and Of Counsel to Thacher Proffitt and Wood LLP of New York and White Plains, announced that Peter Hutchings, a retired insurance executive with significant Board experience, has joined the Board of Directors of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. Mr. Hermann said, "Peter Hutchings brings financial leadership and a deep understanding of the importance of the fiscal oversight that Boards of Directors must exercise. We are delighted that he has joined us in helping to promote our mission to provide free civil legal services to poor people."

Mr. Hutchings has a wealth of experience serving as a financial leader on Boards of Directors for non-profit organizations, including the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, the Medical Health Research Association, the New York Organ Donor Network, the Rubin Museum of Art, and the Children's Orchestra Society. He also served on the Audit Committee of the Board of WellChoice, a public company and parent of Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Mr. Hutchings was formerly Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Guardian Life Insurance Company, one of the country's largest and strongest mutual life insurance companies. He previously held senior financial management positions in the employee benefits and group life insurance areas.

A graduate of Yale University, Mr. Hutchings is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries. He received a Certificate in Health Management Systems from Harvard University. Mr. Hutchings lives in New York City.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley provides free civil legal services to poor and low-income individuals and families. LSHV represents clients in the areas of housing, domestic violence, elder law, civil rights, children's advocacy, disabilities, HIV/AIDS, public benefits, consumer law and education. Services are provided to the residents of Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Rockland and Sullivan Counties.