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**GRAND OPENING RECEPTION IN MT. VERNON, NEW YORK FOR OPENING OF NEW
OFFICE OF LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY**

(White Plains, New York) Legal Services of the Hudson Valley will be hosting a Grand Opening Reception on Wednesday, **March 7, 2007**, from 5 to 7 p.m. to formally announce the grand opening of its Mt. Vernon, NY, office at 100 East First Street. Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) is a not-for-profit organization that provides free civil legal representation and services to poor and low-income people in Westchester County and throughout the Hudson Valley.

LSHV received funding from the Westchester County Board of Legislators to open the Mt. Vernon office, which will provide legal help to residents of one of Westchester's neediest communities. Clients will receive comprehensive, free legal assistance in all matters, including housing, family law, benefits, education and consumer issues. LSHV is partnering with two agencies at the Mt. Vernon office: My Sister=s Place will provide specialized legal services to women who are victims of domestic violence and the Westchester Hispanic Coalition will deal with the many issues facing immigrants in Westchester.

LSHV President, Robert Hermann and Executive Director Barbara Finkelstein will be speaking at the Reception, and a number of local dignitaries, including Westchester County Legislators Clinton Young and William Ryan, plan to attend. Also attending will be Karen Cheeks-Lomax, Executive Director of My Sister's Place, and Graciela Heymann, Executive Director of the Westchester Hispanic Coalition. Both of these agencies will be celebrating the openings of their Mt. Vernon offices along with LSHV. The Reception will be held at 100 East First Street, Mt. Vernon, NY, from 5 to 7 p.m. If interested in attending, please contact Ann Hyatt at the number listed above.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (formerly Westchester/Putnam Legal Services) is a non-profit organization that has been providing high-quality free legal representation to poor and low-income individuals and families in civil legal matters for forty years. The services offered help struggling individuals to resolve urgent, non-criminal legal problems that can lead to larger social problems such as homelessness. Since its inception in 1967, LSHV has served more than 130,000 clients in Westchester, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster Counties in New York. In addition to the new Mt. Vernon office, LSHV has offices in White Plains (main office), Yonkers, Poughkeepsie, Kingston, and Newburgh.