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**LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY'S SECOND ANNUAL  
ACCESS TO JUSTICE DINNER – APRIL 11, 2007**

(White Plains, NY) Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) announced that its Second Annual Access to Justice Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at the Rye Town Hilton. The dinner is a component of LSHV's Access to Justice Campaign, to raise funds to aid LSHV in its mission to provide free, high-quality civil legal representation to poor and low-income individuals and families.

The primary honoree of the evening will be Hon. Sondra M. Miller, who is receiving the Access to Justice Award for her years of service in the community, and for her continuing efforts to ensure that all people have equal access to the American legal system. New York's Chief Judge Judith Kaye will be introducing Judge Miller at the Dinner. Judge Miller was appointed to the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court, Second Department, by Governor Mario Cuomo in 1990, and retired in 2006. Previously, she served as a New York State Supreme Court Judge in the Ninth Judicial District, elected in 1986, and as a Family Court Judge in Westchester County from 1983 to 1986. Hon. Miller currently serves as Chief Counsel at McCarthy Fingar LLP of White Plains, where she heads the firm's Appellate Practice and is a member of its Litigation and Matrimonial and Family Law groups. Throughout her distinguished career, she has brought her leadership and vision to numerous community and professional boards, and has received many honors and awards in New York State recognizing her work in the field of law concerning women, children, and families.

Other honorees include Rosa W. Boone and the MBIA Foundation, Inc. Ms. Boone will receive the Community Service Award for her tireless efforts on behalf of disadvantaged people in our community, serving as Executive Director of the Westchester Coalition for the Hungry & Homeless, Inc., since 1996. She has made it her mission to increase public awareness of hunger and homelessness and to promote viable solutions to these problems. Ms. Boone has been active in numerous fraternal and professional organizations serving the community, and was recently appointed as a Commissioner of Human Rights for the City of White Plains.

The MBIA Foundation, Inc. is the recipient of the Benefactor of Justice Award for its many years of strong support of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley's Children's Advocacy Program, a unique program that concentrates exclusively on the specific legal issues that affect the lives of children, such as issues in education, health, and disabilities. The MBIA Foundation, Inc. sponsors projects and programs that enhance the overall quality of life in the communities where MBIA employees live and work. The Foundation seeks to fund programs benefiting needy children and families in the areas of education, health, and human services.

Individual tickets to the Dinner are \$350, and tables of ten are \$3,500. A fundraising Journal will also be produced. For information on the Access to Justice Dinner, Call Ann Hyatt, at (914) 949-1305, ext. 143 or visit the Access to Justice Dinner section of the LSHV website at: [www.lshv.org](http://www.lshv.org).