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**LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY THIRD ANNUAL  
ACCESS TO JUSTICE DINNER AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE CAMPAIGN COMPLETED  
APRIL 9, 2008**

(White Plains, NY) Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) held its Third Annual Access to Justice Dinner on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at the Hilton Rye Town. The event, attended by nearly 350 people, was a great success. At the Dinner, it was announced by Westchester Access to Justice Campaign Chair, Henry G. Miller, Esq., of Clark, Gagliardi & Miller, P.C., that the Access of Justice Campaign has been successfully completed and the goal of \$1 million has been reached. The Access to Justice Campaign raised funds to help LSHV in its mission to provide free, high-quality civil legal representation to poor and low-income individuals and families throughout the Hudson Valley.

During the Dinner Program, LSHV Executive Director Barbara Finkelstein, Esq., thanked Mrs. Patricia Lanza, whose \$200,000 Challenge Grant helped bring the Access to Justice Campaign to completion, for her generosity and leadership in helping the underserved. In addition, LSHV Board President, Alfred E. Donnellan, Esq., of DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP, thanked the many members of the legal community for coming together to acknowledge the critical need for civil legal services for poor people in our community. Mr. Donnellan then introduced Hon. Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr., of the Surrogate Court, Westchester County, who serves as Co-Chair of the Ninth Judicial District Pro Bono Committee. Judge Scarpino briefed the audience on the Pro Bono Initiative .

The primary honoree of the evening, **David Boies, Esq.**, received Legal Services of the Hudson Valley's Access to Justice Award for his extensive leadership in the legal community, his devoted dedication to many national- and community-based human services organizations, his efforts to provide *pro bono* legal services to the community, his support of legal scholarship, and his strong commitment to ensuring that all people have equal access to the American legal system. David Boies is the founder and Chairman of the law firm of Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP with offices in New York, Washington, D.C., California, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, and New Jersey. Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Boies has represented many high-profile clients; he is perhaps best known for serving as lead counsel for former Vice President Al Gore in connection with the litigation relating to the 2000 Presidential election and for serving as Special Trial Counsel for the United States Department of Justice in its successful antitrust suit

against Microsoft. Kevin J. Plunkett, Esq., of DeBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP, presented the award to him. Mr. Boies gave an inspirational speech about the importance of free civil legal services to poor and low-income people.

LSHV presented the Community Service Award to **Rosemarie Noonan, Esq., Executive Director, and Alan Gordon, Deputy Director, of the Housing Action Council**, an organization promoting access to affordable housing in Westchester, for their tireless efforts on behalf of disadvantaged people in our community. The Housing Action Council, a not-for-profit organization based in Tarrytown, NY, seeks to expand housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households and special needs populations in the Hudson Region.

Also honored was **Kraft Employee Fund Northeast (KEF NE)**, which received the Benefactor of Justice Award for its strong support of LSHV's Elder Law Program. KEF NE is a charitable fund for Kraft Foods Inc. employees in its management centers in Tarrytown, NY, and East Hanover, NJ, providing opportunities for employees to support their local communities and be involved in the entire grant-making process. Mari Hourwitz, Chair of the Employee Campaign, accepted the award.

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.