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HON. SONDR A. MILLER JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

(White Plains, New York) Alfred E. Donnellan, President of the Board of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley and Managing Partner of DeBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP, of White Plains, today announced that Hon. Sondra M. Miller, retired New York State Appellate Court Justice and Chief Counsel of McCarthy Fingar LLP of Plains, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. Mr. Donnellan said, "Sondra Miller has had a distinguished judicial career and is highly regarded for her expertise in the field of law concerning women, children, and families. We are delighted that she has joined us to help provide free civil legal services to poor people."

Hon. Miller heads the Appellate Practice at McCarthy Fingar LLP of White Plains, and is a member of the firm's Litigation and Matrimonial and Family Law groups. She is admitted to practice in the State of New York.

Judge Miller was appointed to the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court, Second Department, by Governor Mario Cuomo in 1990, retiring in January 2006. Previously, she served as a New York State Supreme Court Judge in the Ninth Judicial District, having been elected in 1986, and as a Family Court Judge in Westchester County from 1983 to 1986.

Active in the community, Judge Miller is a founding member and past president of the Westchester Women's Bar Association and a past Vice President of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. Hon. Miller is Judge-in-Residence at Pace Law School, and is a member of its Board of Visitors. She is currently Director of the newly formed Office of Family Services of the New York State Office of Court Administration, which will facilitate and evaluate all services provided to families and children in New York State. She serves by appointment of New York State Chief Judge Judith Kaye as Co-Chair of the New York State Task Force on Family Violence.

Hon. Miller holds a JD from Harvard Law School, and was in its first class to admit women. She received her BA degree from Wellesley College. Judge Miller is a resident of Larchmont, New York.

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.