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NEW MANAGING ATTORNEY IS ANNOUNCED AT LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

(White Plains, New York) Barbara Finkelstein, Executive Director of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV), announced that Kathleen M. Healey has assumed the position of Managing Attorney for the Dutchess and Ulster Offices of LSHV. Ms. Healey has been with LSHV since 2000, serving first as a Housing Attorney representing tenants in courts throughout Dutchess County, then as a Family Law attorney assisting victims of domestic violence obtain custody of their children and protection from their abusers. In 2004, Ms. Healey moved to the LSHV Newburgh office as Intake Attorney in charge of the newly established centralized Intake Unit, opening new cases for clients in the seven county area served by LSHV. Under her supervision, the Intake Unit became an effective, efficient department where people seeking legal help were handled professionally and with care. Ms. Healey graduated from Cornell Law School in 1989.

Ms. Healey is very dedicated to her community. She serves on the Universal Response to Domestic Violence Steering Committee in Dutchess County. She is very active in her hometown of New Paltz, and has served on the local Planning Board, Housing Committee and Open Space Committee. Ms. Healey has chaired New Paltz's Police Study Committee, served as Deputy Supervisor of the Town of New Paltz, and is a member of the New Paltz Town Council. Ms. Healey is replacing Jacqueline Frost, who had been with LSHV for thirteen years.

Ms. Finkelstein said, "We are so happy that Kathy Healey has stepped into this position, as she brings wonderful enthusiasm and excellent skills to the job." The mission of the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is to provide 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.