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**Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Receives Grant from MBIA Foundation for Children's Advocacy Program**

(White Plains, New York) Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) has received a \$10,000 grant from the MBIA Foundation, Inc., for its Children's Advocacy and Family Law Program in Westchester County. Barbara Finkelstein, Esq., LSHV Executive Director, said, "We are delighted to have MBIA Foundation's continued support in providing free legal assistance to poor children to ensure that their educational, health, and financial needs are being met. This program has helped hundreds of children and families in Westchester, and MBIA's grant will allow us to continue making a difference in their lives."

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 MBIA Foundation is the philanthropic arm of MBIA, Inc., headquartered in Armonk, New York, a financial guarantor and provider of specialized financial services. In 2006, the MBIA Foundation donated over \$1.5 million dollars in matching funds to area charities as well as approximately \$694,425 in grants and sponsorships.

LSHV's Children's Advocacy Program provides free legal representation to low-income children, helping them obtain educational services or placements they need to have the best outcomes in school. The Children's Advocacy Program also provides legal assistance to children in disability and health benefits matters, and family law matters, including custody, guardianship, child support, and adoptions. The Program's goals are to help children develop to their fullest potential and to strengthen fragile families.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is the only provider of comprehensive, high-quality, free, civil legal services to poor and low-income people in the Hudson Valley. Since its inception in 1967, LSHV has assisted over 130,000 low-income individuals in areas of children's advocacy, as well as elder law, housing, employment, disability, and more. LSHV is funded through a variety of sources including government funding, and grants and donations from law firms, foundations, corporations, and individuals.