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Access to Justice Campaign Surpasses 50% of Goal

(White Plains, New York) Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) is proud to announce that it has raised more than half of its Access to Justice Campaign goal of one million dollars. The Access to Justice Campaign was created to raise funds to aid LSHV in its mission to provide free, quality, civil (non-criminal) legal representation to poor and low-income individuals and families. Because of an overwhelming demand for the services provided by LSHV, it has been difficult to assist all the people who need civil legal services. The completion of the goal will increase the amount of cases LSHV will be able to accept, as additional attorneys will be hired. The funds will be used to increase service in the following areas: Housing, Elder Law, Disabled Rights, Domestic Violence, Children's Advocacy and will create the McGovern-Hermann Student Loan Repayment Assistance Fund.

Although the campaign has been able to raise \$540,000 in committed pledges and payments to the Access to Justice Campaign, there is still a \$460,000 needed to complete the goal of one million dollars. The funds are being raised by four dedicated committees. The Campaign Committee in New York City is chaired by Dana Freyer of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. The Westchester Committee is chaired by Henry Miller of Clark, Garliardi & Miller P.C. The Dutchess/Orange Committee is chaired by David Posner of McCabe & Mack LLP. The Access to Justice '06 Dinner Committee was chaired by James F. Gill of Bryan Cave LLP, William F. Harrington of Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP and by Professor Constantine Katsoris of Fordham Law School. Executive Director Barbara Finkelstein stated that she is very excited about all the new partnerships LSHV has forged with the local Bar.

The Access to Justice Campaign has raised funds through its annual dinner proceeds, which began last year, as well as soliciting donations from law firms, and soliciting individual attorneys and individuals that live or work in the areas covered by LSHV to reach its goal. Upon completing its goal, the LSHV will be able to expand the amount of individuals it serves in Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Rockland, and Sullivan Counties.