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GRAND OPENING OF LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY'S NEW WHITE PLAINS OFFICE AND PARTNERS IN JUSTICE RECEPTION A GREAT SUCCESS

(White Plains, New York) Legal Services of the Hudson Valley hosted its Grand Opening of its new White Plains Office and its Fourth Annual Lower-Hudson Partners in Justice Reception on Wednesday, **October 10, 2007**, from 5:30 to 8:30p.m, at its new offices, 90 Maple Avenue, White Plains, New York. Benchmark Title Agency, LLC, a premier title agency based in White Plains, sponsored the Reception. Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) is a not-for-profit organization that provides free civil legal representation and services to poor and low-income people in Westchester County and throughout the Hudson Valley. Over 180 people attended the event. Various dignitaries attended such as Andrew Spano, Westcheser County Executive, Hon. Thomas Abinanti, Westchester County Board of Legislators, Hon. Ben Boykin and Hon. Dennis Powers, White Plains Common Council, Hon Adam Bradley, New York State Assembly, Hon. George Latimer, New York State Assembly, Hon. Suzi Oppenheimer, New York State Senate, attended, as well as many Judges such as Hon. Francis Nicolai, Administrative Judge, Ninth Judicial District.

At the Reception, LSHV had a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new location (**photo attached**) with Robert Feder of Cuddy and Feder cutting the ribbon with LSHV Board members and Executive Director Barbara Finkelstein. They also presented its Partners in Justice Awards to Lawrence McGovern of McGovern & Dawson for his dedication and commitment to the indigent families of our area, and to Devon Salts, Esq., of the Law Office of Devon Salts, and Frances M. Pantaleo, Esq., of Walsh & Amicucci, LLP, for the outstanding pro bono services they have provided to LSHV clients. The Partners in Justice Awards seek to recognize LSHV's pro bono attorneys, volunteers, donors and friends for their support in helping LSHV carry out its mission to ensure that poor people in our community have access to justice.

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.