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**LEGAL SERVICES HONORS DONORS AND PRO BONO ATTORNEYS
AT SECOND ANNUAL MID-HUDSON PARTNERS IN JUSTICE RECEPTION**

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) presented its Second Annual “Mid-Hudson Partners in Justice Reception” at Anthony’s Pier Nine in New Windsor, NY on Wednesday, October 24th, 2007 at which 100 people attended. The “Partners in Justice Reception” sought to recognize and thank the generous donors and *pro bono* attorneys whose support for LSHV is essential to the continued success of its mission to provide high quality legal services to underserved individuals and families throughout the Hudson Valley, including Dutchess, Ulster, Orange and Sullivan Counties. A similar awards program and reception has been a tradition in the Westchester/Putnam/New York City region, and LSHV is happy to be continuing the tradition by honoring the donors and volunteers in Mid-Hudson Valley who are vital in ensuring the ability of LSHV to provide legal services to the indigent.

The first “Partner in Justice Award” was presented to Finkelstein and Partners and was accepted by Managing Partner Andrew Finkelstein. Finkelstein and Partners has been a staunch supporter of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley and has helped promote our Access to Justice Campaign with a goal of \$1 million. Partner George Levy has served on the Campaign Committee for the past two years. To date, 800,000 has been raised towards that goal. Finkelstein and Partners created the idea of a monthly gift in perpetuity to Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. This model has also been used by other law firms donating to the campaign. The award will be presented by LSHV Board of Directors Member and Access to Justice Committee Chairperson David Posner, Esq., a partner at the Poughkeepsie-based law firm of McCabe and Mack.

For excellent *Pro Bono* Services provided to the clients of LSHV, a Partners in Justice Award was presented by LSHV Deputy Director Lewis Creekmore to Mary Patricia Papini Guidetti, Esq., Law Offices of Mary Patricia Papini Guidetti. Her office is in Middletown, NY.

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LSHV, celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year, is a non-profit law firm committed to providing free support, advocacy and high-quality civil (not criminal) legal services to poor and low-income individuals and families. We help struggling individuals resolve urgent, civil legal problems, and, in the process, help build strong communities where the rights of our neighbors are protected, regardless of their incomes. We work in the areas of housing, children's advocacy, domestic violence, health advocacy, public benefits, elder law, disabilities, HIV/AIDS, and consumer law. LSHV serves people in Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, and Ulster Counties.

Finkelstein and Partners is a law firm dedicated to aggressively seeking full and fair compensation for seriously injured people, while providing its clients with compassionate and direct personal attention. The firm was founded by Howard S. Finkelstein in 1959, and has grown from one office in Newburgh, New York to numerous offices throughout New York State. Today Finkelstein & Partners is the largest law firm in New York State to specialize in representing plaintiffs in complex litigation involving all types of personal injury and wrongful death cases. Finkelstein & Partners is the only law firm in the nation to be 100% paperless. The firm's proprietary software enables clients and referring attorneys to have real-time, secure access to file-related documents through the Finkelstein & Partners website, www.lawampm.com.
