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**LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY'S FIRST ANNUAL  
ACCESS TO JUSTICE DINNER – APRIL 6, 2006**

(White Plains, NY) Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) announced that its First Annual Access to Justice Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2006 at the Rye Town Hilton. The dinner is a component of LSHV's Access to Justice Campaign, to raise funds to aid LSHV in its mission to provide free, quality civil legal representation to poor and low-income individuals and families.

The primary honoree of the evening will be John Feerick, Esq., former Dean of Fordham University School of Law, who is receiving the Access to Justice Award for his years of service in the community, and for his continuing efforts to ensure that all people have equal access to the American legal system. Dean Feerick currently holds the Sidney C. Norris Chair of Law in Public Service at Fordham Law School. Before being named Dean in 1982, Mr. Feerick practiced law at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom for over twenty years. Throughout his career, he has served his country, in many roles including acting as Chair of the New York State Commission to Promote Public Confidence in Judicial Elections and participating as part of a special task force that helped develop the Twenty-Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution. He is renowned as a mediator and a facilitator, working tirelessly to help resolve disputes on the local, state and national levels. Dean Feerick has written scores of articles and several books, one of which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Other honorees include Ernest S. Prince, Patricia Lanza, and Marie Herrmann. Mr. Prince will receive the Community Service Award for his dedicated service to Westchester County. He serves as President of the Urban League of Westchester County, Inc. For over thirty years, Mr. Prince has been working with the Urban League to help minority and other disadvantaged citizens obtain adequate housing, healthcare, and educational opportunities. Mrs. Lanza is the recipient of the Benefactor of Justice Award for her generosity and vision in launching the Children's Advocacy Unit at Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, as well as her generosity in the Community. Mrs. Herrmann, who passed away in 2005, is being honored posthumously with the Benefactor of Justice Award for her strong commitment over many years to the growth and success of LSHV.

Individual tickets to the fundraising dinner are \$350, and tables of ten are \$3,500. A fundraising Journal will also be produced. For information on the Access to Justice Dinner, Call Ann Hyatt, at (914) 949-1305, ext. 143 or visit the Access to Justice Dinner section of the LSHV website at: [www.lshv.org](http://www.lshv.org).