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NEW PRESIDENT IS ANNOUNCED AT LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

(White Plains, New York) Robert Hermann, of Thacher Proffitt and Wood LLP of New York and White Plains, was announced as the incoming President of the Board of Directors of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV). Immediate Past President Lawrence McGovern of McGovern and Dawson made the announcement on behalf of LSHV (formerly Westchester/Putnam Legal Services). Mr. Hermann has served on the Board of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley for four years.

Mr. McGovern said, “We are delighted that Bob Hermann will be guiding LSHV into the future as we grow and gain capacity to serve more clients who so desperately need the help of LSHV.” The mission of the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is to provide free civil legal services to poor and low-income individuals and families. LSHV represents clients in the areas of housing, domestic violence, elder law, civil rights, children’s advocacy, disabilities, HIV/AIDS, public benefits, consumer law and education. Services are provided to the residents of Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Rockland and Sullivan Counties.

Mr. Hermann is the former Solicitor General of the State of New York and has argued significant cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and other federal courts and the New York Court of Appeals. He was previously a Partner with Plunkett & Jaffe, P.C. of White Plains. Mr. Hermann graduated from Yale Law School with an LL.B. in 1969 and Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College with a B.A. in 1966. He has been on the faculty of New York University Law School. He has been an active member of several committees of the New York State Bar Association Committee, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the Westchester County Bar Association. Mr. Hermann has written extensively on diverse topics for legal publications and is the author of Counsel for the Poor, which provides a comparative analysis of the effectiveness of different defense counsel systems.