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**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS HIRED FOR
LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY**

(White Plains, New York) Barbara Finkelstein, Executive Director of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (formerly Westchester/Putnam Legal Services) announced that Ann R. Hyatt has been hired as Director of Development and External Relations, a new position for the organization.

Ms. Finkelstein said, “We are delighted that Ann is joining us, as we have expanded our service area and will definitely need more outreach, cultivation, fundraising and public relations to benefit the expanded client population of the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley.” Ms. Hyatt will be responsible for donor and prospect cultivation and communications, annual fund, foundation and corporate relations, major gifts and law firm solicitation. The mission of the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) 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.

Ms. Hyatt has her Master’s degree in Fundraising Management from the Robert J. Milano Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy of the New School University. Ms. Hyatt has been a Development professional for over 20 years. She has previously worked at Pace University School of Law, Mercy College, as well as Blythedale Children’s Hospital. Her career has spanned from serving as Vice President to having her own Development consulting business. Ms. Hyatt graduated from State University of New York at Oneonta with a BA in Literature. She served as an adjunct faculty member of the New School University for ten years. She is been active in her field, serving as a mentor to incoming development professionals, and has served as a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals’ National Publishing Advisory Committee and Ethics Committee. Ms. Hyatt is active as a volunteer in her community, serving as a Democratic District Leader for the City of

White Plains, as well as serving on the Board of Directors and Co-Chairing the Development Committee of the White Plains High School Athletic Fund.