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**LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY HONORS CLEARY,  
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(White Plains, New York) Legal Services of the Hudson Valley will be presenting its second annual “Partners in Justice Awards” at a reception at the Fairview Country Club on Wednesday, September 28, 2005. Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) is a not-for profit organization that has been providing high quality free legal representation and services to poor and low-income individuals and families in civil matters for over thirty-five years. The “Partners in Justice Awards” seek to recognize and thank 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.

**One of this year’s awards recipients is the law firm Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton LLP. The high-profile Manhattan-based firm is an international leader in issues across the legal spectrum. The firm is being honored for its dedication and commitment to the indigent families of Westchester County in the ongoing fight for decent and affordable housing. Law firm partner Jonathan Blackman, Esq. will accept the award on behalf of the firm.** Also being honored at the reception are attorneys Lee Vartan, Esq., who has provided outstanding pro bono services to LSHV clients and Joanne Harper, Esq., who has dedicated many hours over many years to help LSHV clients. In addition, St. Faith’s House Foundation will be honored for their generous support of the Children’s Advocacy Program of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley.