Legal Services of North Louisiana, inc. Shreveport, Louisiana

Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2006
With Comparative Totals for 2005 and
Supplemental Information Schedules
LSC Grant Recipient Number 619061

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2006, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc., as of December 31, 2006, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 16, 2007, on our consideration of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the Internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying supplemental schedules, listed as "Supplemental Information Schedules For Grants and Contract Analysis" in the table of contents and shown on pages 14 – 15, are presented for the purpose of providing the various funding sources of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. additional individual grant and contract analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The information is prepared on a prescribed basis of the funding sources of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. The schedules are not presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, the schedules mentioned previously and shown on pages 14 – 15 are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and in our opinion they are fairly stated on the basis of accounting practices prescribed by the funding sources.

Cook and Morehart

Certified Public Accountants

April 16, 2007

Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2006, with Comparative Totals for 2005

	2006	2005	
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash	\$ 432,855	\$ 280,267	
Client escrow funds	4,619	3,614	
Grants receivable	58,497	52,219	
Accounts receivable	<u>946</u>	1,760	
Total current assets	496,917	337,860	
Property and equipment	1,362,602	1,349,259	
Accumulated depreciation	(872,366)	(815,712)	
Net property and equipment	490,236	533,547	
Deposits	1,715	1,715	
Total assets	\$ 988,868	\$ 873,122	
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 52,712	\$ 45,197	
Accrued liabilities	90,991	79,428	
Current portion of long-term debt	5,595	46;183	
Refundable advances	128,685		
Client trust deposits	4,619	3,614	
Total current liabilities	282,602	174,422	
Long-term debt, less current portion	304	5,892	
Total liabilities	282,906	180,314	
Net assets			
Unrestricted	81,961	71,604	
Temporarily restricted			
Legal services corporation-grant	607,045	606,353	
Non-LSC	16,956	14,851	
Total temporarily restricted	624,001	621,204	
Total net assets	705,962	692,808	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 988,868	\$ 873,122	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.

Shreveport, Louisiana Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2006, with Comparative Totals for 2005

		Í	Ter	прога	Temporarily Restricted	jed ped			2006		2005
	Unrestricted		SC	ž	Non-LSC		Total		Total		Total
Revenue and support. Grants and Contracts	₩	₩	1,748,235	49	429,098	சு	2,177,333	69	2,177,333	↔	2,152,838
Interest Income	6		9,979				6'6'6		9,979		4,579
Net assets released from restrictions:	173,642								173,642		157,762
Satisfaction of program restrictions	2,184,515		(1,757,522)	\	(426,993)	_	(2,184,515)				
Total revenues and other support	2,358,157		692		2,105		2,797		2,360,954		2,315,179
Expenses:											
Program Services	1,943,786								1 943 786		1,764,996
Management and General	404,014							j	404,014		463,093
Total expenses	2,347,800								2,347,800		2,228,089
Change in net assets	10,357		692		2,105		2,797		13,154		87,090
Net assets at beginning of year	71,604		606,353		14,851		621,204		692,808		605,718
Net assets at end of year	\$ 81,961	693	607,045	67	16,956	₩	624,001	₩	705,962	₩	692,808

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana

Statement of Functional Expenses

For the Year Ended December 31, 2006, with Comparative Totals for 2005

	Program		Management & General		2006 Total			2005 Total
Personnel Expenses								
Lawyers	\$	672,949	\$	94,200	\$	767,149	\$	763,089
Paralegals		106,235				106,235		87,694
Other		361,145		142,795		503,940		496,306
Employee Benefits		328,181		68,221		396,402		338,653
Total Personnel Expenses		1,468,510		305,216		1,773,726		1,685,742
Other Expenses								
Space and Occupancy		58,023		12,062		70,085		56,009
Equipment Rental		12,883		2,678		15,561		14,219
Office Supplies and Expenses		56,319		11,707		68,026		57,929
Telephone		35,990		7,481		43,471		47,119
Travel		15,541		3,230		18,771		15,668
Training		59,561		12,381		71,942		40,254
Library		28,955		6,019		34,974		37,302
Insurance		33,279		6,918		40,197		44,644
Dues and Fees		11,562		2,403		13,965		13,154
Interest		1,452		302		1,754		7,374
Litigation		10,438		2,170		12,608		10,727
Contract Services to Clients		27,103		5,634		32,737		32,312
Depreciation		46,903		9,750		56,653		63,149
Other		77,268		16,062		93,330		102,487
Total Other Expenses		475,276		98,798		574,074		542,347
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	1,943,786	\$	404,014	\$	2,347,800	<u>\$</u>	2,228,089

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2006, with Comparative Totals for 2005

	 2006	 2005
Operating Activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 13,154	\$ 87,090
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets		
to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	56,653	63,149
(Increase) decrease in:		
Client escrow funds	(1,005)	(897)
Grants receivable	(6,278)	32,375
Accounts receivable	814	3,369
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	7,515	(26,220)
Accrued expenses	11,563	(10,181)
Client Trust Deposits	1,005	897
Deferred revenue	 128,685	
Net cash provided by operating activities	 212,106	 149,582
Investing Activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(13,342)	(7,842)
Net cash (used) by investing activities	 (13,342)	 (7,842)
Financing Activities:		
Payments of long-term debt	(46,176)	(87,856)
Net cash (used) by financing activities	 (46,176)	(87,856)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	152,588	53,884
Cash as of beginning of year	 280,267	 226,383
Cash as of end of year	 432,855	\$ 280,267
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$ 1,734	\$ 7,177

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. (LSNL) is a private nonprofit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is governed by a Board of Directors composed of 15 members.

A. Nature of Activities

LSNL administered various federal, state, and miscellaneous grants during the year ended December 31, 2006. The grants are designed to provide eligible individuals with free legal services. The following programs, with their approximate percentage of total revenues indicated, are administered by LSNL:

Legal Services Corporation (LSC) – 74%
Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) – 9%
United Way – 1%
Local Councils on Aging – 1%
Violence Against Women – 2%
Other – 13%

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of LSNL have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

C. Basis of Presentation

Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, <u>Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations</u>. Under SFAS No. 117, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

D. Income Tax Status

LSNL is a nonprofit corporation and is exempt from state and federal income taxes under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from activities not directly related to LSNL's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. LSNL had no such income for this audit period.

E. Property and Equipment

It is the policy of the agency to capitalize all fixed assets with a unit cost of \$1000 or more. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of each asset. The Federal Government has a reversionary interest in property purchased with federal funds. Its disposition as well as the ownership of any proceeds therefrom is subject to federal regulations.

F. Revenue and Support

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending of the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

Federal and state grant revenue and all other donor—restricted support are reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires, (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

G. Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

H. Compensated Absences - Accrued Leave

Employees of LSNL accrue leave at a rate based upon their length of service. Employees may not carry forward leave in excess of 75 hours from one year to the next. Employees leaving employment whether voluntarily or involuntary will be paid for all accrued annual leave. Employees may also accrue health leave, but accumulated health leave is forfeited upon separation of employment.

At December 31, 2006, the approximate amount of accumulated and vested employee leave benefits accrued was \$39,458.

I. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, LSNL considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

J. Expense Allocation

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities and in the Statement of Functional Expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among program and management and general services.

K. Reclassifications

The following amounts have been reclassified from temporarily restricted net assets to unrestricted net assets by expending funds which satisfied the restricted purposes specified by the donors:

LSC	\$ 1,757,522
United Way	26,145
Councils on Aging	29,999
IOLTA	207,289
VAWA	44,019
AARP	82,837
Community Foundation	36,588
Other	116
Total	<u>\$ 2,184,515</u>

L. Comparative Financial Statements

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the organization's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005, from which the summarized information was derived.

(2) Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject LSNL to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of temporary cash investments and grants receivable. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to grants receivable are limited due to the majority of these amounts being due from governmental agencies under contractual terms. As of December 31, 2006, LSNL had no significant concentrations of credit risk in relation to grants receivable. LSNL maintains cash balances at several financial institutions. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. At December 31, 2006 total cash balances held at the financial institution was \$456,734. Of this amount, \$376,737 was secured by FDIC and the remaining \$79,997 was unsecured.

(3) Accrued Liabilities

An analysis of LSNL's accrued liabilities at December 31, 2006 is as follows:

Payroll taxes	\$	2,203
insurance / benefits		12,518
Accrued leave		39,457
Accrued payroll		36,813
Total	<u>s</u>	90,991

(4) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment at December 31, 2006 consisted of the following:

	Estimated Depreciable Life		urchased Vith LSC Funds	No	rchased With on-LSC Funds	Total
Land	20-30 years	\$	137,100	\$	_	\$ 137,100
Buildings	20-30 years		461,588		_	461,588
Leasehold Improvements	20-30 years		26,889		_	26,889
Furniture, Fixtures,	•					
and Equipment	5-10 years		612,667		55,679	668,346
Law Library	5 years		66,635		2,044	68,679
Accumulated depreciation	·	(828,523)	_(_	43,843)	(872,366)
Net investment in property	and equipment	\$	476,356	\$	13.880	\$ 490,236

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2006 was \$56,653.

(5) Leases

LSNL leases postage machines, a security system, and copiers under operating leases. The rental cost on the equipment paid during the year ended December 31, 2006 was \$15,233.

Commitments under lease agreements having initial or remaining non-cancelable terms in excess of one year are as follows:

For the Year Ending	
December 31,	
2007	\$ 7,705
2008	7,705
2009	 5,108
Total minimum future rentals	\$ 20.518

(6) Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets at December 31, 2005 were available for the following purposes:

LSC Grant - Operating	\$ 136,588
LSC - Property	470,457
Non-LSC Property	13,880
Miscellaneous Grant	3,076
	\$ 624.001

(7) Refundable Advances

LSNL records funds received in excess of expenditures as a refundable advance until they are expended for the purpose of the contract or until the funds are returned to the appropriate funding source.

(8) Contractual Revenue - Grants

During the year ended December 31, 2006, LSNL received contractual revenue from federal, state, and miscellaneous grants in the amount of \$2,177,333. The continued existence of these funds is based on annual contract renewals with various funding sources.

(9) Client Trust Funds

Client trust funds are funds received by LSNL from or on behalf of a client. A separate escrow bank account is maintained, as well as separate client trust records for each client. Client trust funds are not the property of LSNL, and, as a result, are reported as both an asset and a liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

(10) Private Attorney Involvement

The following details the private attorney involvement (PAI) activity for the year ended December 31, 2006:

		LSC	_	Other	_	Total
Lawyers	\$	27,370	\$	_	\$	27,370
Paralegals	,	39,413		14,500		53,913
Other		31,789		_		31,789
Employee Benefits		32,790		_		32,790
Space and occupancy		7,944		, man		7,944
Equipment rental		1,374		_		1,374
Office supplies and expenses		5,444		_		5,444
Telephone		3,501		_		3,501
Travel		1,274		_		1,274
Training		10,865		_		10,865
Library		2,976		_		2,976
Insurance		2,814		_		2,814
Dues & fees		1,064		_		1,064
Litigation		2,698		_		2,698
Contract services to clients		32,737		_		32,737
Other	_	7,953				7,953
Total	3	212,006	<u>\$</u>	14.500	\$_	226,506

(11) Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt at December 31, 2006, consisted of the following:

Promissory note to AmSouth Bank, in the original amount of \$20,146 dated February 11, 2004, due in forty-eight (48) monthly payments of \$466 including interest, with final payment due February 11, 2008, with interest rate 5.25%, secured by vehicle

5,899

Less current portion Long-term portion

(5.595) \$ 304

Approximate maturities of long-term debt are summarized as follows:

For the Year Ending	Approximate
December 31,	Amount
2007	\$ 5,595
2008	304
	\$ 5,899

(12) Retirement Plan

LSNL contributes to an annuity program on behalf of its employees. LSNL changed its contribution during 2003 from 7.65% to 5% of the employees' annual compensation. An employee must contribute three years of employment in order to be vested in the plan. Contributions made by the employer are returned to the employer if the employee leaves before becoming vested. Employees may contribute up to twenty-five per cent of their annual compensation. The employee contributions are tax-deferred to the employee. Total employer contributions for the year ended December 31, 2006, were \$66,027.

(13) Buildings - Property Costs

The following details costs directly related to the purchase and/or maintenance of property paid out of LSC funds:

	(entral Office Juilding		Monroe Building	chitoches uilding	 Total
Derivative income	\$		\$	_	\$ _	\$ _
Paid in principal				31,922	_	31,922
Interest expense		_		1,007	_	1,007
Building maintenance		8,160		4,439	3,700	16,299
Insurance		6,124		1,766	1,514	9,404
Taxes		_		_		<u> </u>
Improvements					 	
	<u>s</u>	14.284	<u>s</u>	39,134	\$ 5.214	\$ 58,632

(14) Contingency

LSNL is currently the defendant in a lawsuit, the ultimate outcome of which is unknown at this time. In the opinion of legal counsel, the amount of any damages awarded in excess of LSNL's current insurance coverage cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

(15) Subsequent Event

LSNL ordered three new vehicles in 2007 at a total cost of approximately \$51,611. Financing for the vehicle purchases will be provided by a local bank, interest at 8%, for 36 months.

Supplemental information Schedules Prepared For Grants and Contracts Analysis

Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana

Schedule of Support, Revenue, and Expenses and Changes in Net Assets for LSC Funds. For the Year Ended December 31, 2006, with Comparative Totals for 2005.

	Basic Field Grant	Private Attorney Involvement	y <u>Total</u>	Property	2006 Grand Total	2005 Grand Total
Support and Revenue				_		
Grants and Contracts	\$ 1,538,229	\$ 212,006	\$ 1,748,235	\$	\$ 1,748,235	\$ 1,770,839
Interest income	9,979		9,979		9,979	4,579
Other	4 510 000		4 550 041		4 700 044	4 375 440
Total	1,546,208	212,006	1,758,214		1,758,214	1,775,418
Personnel Expenses						
Lawyers	385,761	27,370	413,131		413,131	449,705
Paralegals	29,247	39,413	68,660		68,660	74,277
Other	472,151	31,789	503,940		503,940	496,305
Employee Benefits	275,117	32,790	307,907		307,907	270,691
Total	1,162,276	131,362	1,293,638		1,293,638	1,290,978
Other Expenses						
Space and Occupancy	45,018	3.738	48,756		48,756	48,659
Equipment Rental	14,187	1,374	15,561		15,561	14,219
Office Supplies and Expenses	50,668	5,444	56,112		56,112	49,256
Telephone	28,115	3,501	31.616		31,616	38,783
Travel	15,622	1,274	16,896		16,896	15,668
Training	48,634	10,865	59,499		59,499	29,850
Library	31,998	2,976	34,974		34,974	37,302
Insurance	32,632	2,814	35,446		35,446	38,644
Dues and fees	2,375	1,054	3,439		3,439	3,585
Litigation	6,043	2,698	8,741		8,741	8,728
Contract Services to Clients	0,0 .0	32,737	32,737		32,737	36,799
Other	58,006	7,761	65,767		65,767	61,399
Interest expense	1,562	192	1,754		1,754	7,374
Depreciation	,,552	102	1,104	52,586	52,586	59,406
Total	334,860	76,438	411,298	52,586	463,884	449,672
Total Expenses	1,497,136	207,800	1,704,936	52,586	1,757,522	1,740,650
		,	7,101,1000			
Support and Revenue Over (Under)						
Expenses and losses	49,072	4,206	53,278	(52,586)	692	34,768
Other Changes in Net Assets:						
Note Payments	(41, 9 70)	(4,206)	(46,176)	46,176		
Acquisition of property	(10,247)		(10,247)	10,247		
Total Other Changes	(52,217)		(56,423)	56,423		
Total Changes in Net Assets	(3,145)		(3,145)	3,837	692	34,768
Net Assets at beginning of year	139,733		139,733	466,620	606,353	571,585
Net Assets at end of year	\$ 136,588	\$	\$ 136,588	\$ 470,457	\$ 607,045	\$ 606,353

Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.

Shreveport, Louisiana

Schedule of Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Grant Activity Grant No. 2006-0024 and Grant No. 2006-0025

For the Year Ended December 31, 2006, with Comparative Totals for 2005

	2006	2005
Revenue Received - IOLTA Grant	\$ 207,289	\$ 174,997
Personnel Expenses		
Lawyers	121,698	104,724
Paralegals	14,500	13,417
Employee Benefits	33,744	28,279
Total Personnel Expenses	169,942	146,420
Other Expenses		
Space and occupancy	4,800	3,600
Office supplies	3,600	3,600
Telephone	4,800	3, 6 00
Training	5,258	325
Insurance	2,900	2,500
Dues and fees	7,586	6,550
Access to Justice	6,003	6,002
Audit expense	2,400	2,400
Total Other Expenses	37,347	28,577
Total Expenses	207,289	174,997
Excess (Deficit)	<u>\$</u>	\$

Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Federal Grantor / Pass-Through Grantor / Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Expenditures
Legal Service Corporation		
Direct Programs Basic Field Grant	09.619061	\$ 1,761,359
Department of Justice		
Dtrect Program Violence Against Women	16.588	44,019
Total federal expenditures		\$ 1,805,378

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. NOTE

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements

Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Directors Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated April 16, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to the management of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. in a separate management letter dated April 16, 2007.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.'s financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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April 16, 2007

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Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance With OMB Circular A-133

To the Board of Directors Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc., (a nonprofit organization) with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* and in the Legal Services Corporation *Audit Guide and Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2006. Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.'s major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.'s compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; OMB Circular A–133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations; and the Legal Services Corporation Audit Guide and Compliance Supplement. Those standards and OMB Circular A–133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.'s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.'s compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.'s internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on the internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants caused by error or fraud that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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April 16, 2007

Legat Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings December 31, 2006

There were no findings or questioned costs for the prior audit period ended December 31, 2005.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs December 31, 2006

A. Summary of Audit Results

- The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.
- No reportable conditions are reported in the Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. were disclosed during the audit.
- 4. No reportable conditions are reported in the Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance With OMB Circular A-133.
- 5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award program for Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. expresses an unqualified opinion.
- 6. There are no audit findings relative to the major federal award program for Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. reported in Part C. of this Schedule.
- The program tested as a major program was the Legal Service Corporation program CFDA #09.619061.
- 8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$300,000.
- 9. Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. was not determined to be a low-risk auditee.

B. Findings - Financial Statements Audit

NONE

C. Findings and Questioned Costs - Major Federal Award Programs Audit

NONE

Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana Schedule of Prior Audit Findings For Louisiana Legislative Auditor December 31, 2006

There were no findings for the prior year audit period ended December 31, 2005.

There were four management letter comments for the prior audit year ended December 31, 2005, as follows:

Comment #1 - Bank Reconciliations

Improvement noted. No comment in current year audit.

Comment #2 - Invoice Payments

Improvement noted. No comment in current year audit.

Comment #3 - Payroll Deductions

Improvement noted. No comment in current year audit.

Comment #4 - Client File Exam

See comment in current year management letter.

Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana Schedule of Current Audit Findings For Louisiana Legislative Auditor December 31, 2006

There were no findings for the current year audit period ended December 31, 2006.

There were two management letter comments for the current audit year ended December 31, 2006. Management's response to these is as follows:

Comment #1 - Payroll Direct Deposits

Effectively immediately, LSNL has implemented an internal control procedure whereas the Executive Director shall maintain a copy of all signed payroll registers. The copy shall be utilized to compare the approved payrolls to the withdrawals on the monthly bank statements when received each month.

Comment #2 - Client File Exam

LSNL shall maintain a list of all files being transferred from the Monroe Branch Office to the Shreveport Central Office. The list shall be forwarded via fax from the Monroe Branch Office. Given receipt of this fax, once the actual shipment of files are received in Shreveport, the faxed list shall be compared to the actual shipment received. Additionally, we shall cross reference the shipment with information in the computerized client tracking system to assure that it indicates the files are located at the Shreveport Central Office. Any variances or missing files shall be located at that time.

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Management Letter

April 16, 2007

Board of Directors Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Shreveport, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2006, and have Issued our report thereon dated April 16, 2007. In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc, we considered its internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting.

During our audit the following items were noted involving internal control over financial reporting and other operational matters which appear to merit your attention for consideration to improve the internal control over financial reporting or operations of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.

(1) Payroll Direct Deposits

During our audit, we noted that the Accountant responsible for preparing the payroll is also responsible for wiring the direct deposit to the bank. The Executive Director is reviewing the direct deposit report prior to amounts being wired to the bank; however, the approved payrolls are not being compared to the withdrawals on the monthly banks statements.

We recommend that the Executive Director and/or Finance Director compare the approved payrolls to the withdrawals on the bank statements when received each month.

(2) Client File Exam

During our audit, we selected 60 client files for testing of eligibility and compliance with LSC regulations. The agency was unable to locate one of the files selected for testing.

We recommend that the agency implement procedures for ensuring that all files are retained and filed in a manner to allow for subsequent reviews as needed.

We express sincere thanks to Lega! Services of North Louisiana, Inc. personnel for the cooperation and assistance provided us during our audit. We are available to provide you assistance and consultation in the implementation of the above mentioned items. This letter is furnished solely for the use of management and the Board of Directors and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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April 16, 2007