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AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008** 

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Board of Directors Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands Nashville, Tennessee

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands (the "Organization") as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits 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 consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands' internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. 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 audits provide 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 Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years 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 27, 2010, on our consideration of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands' internal control over financial reporting and 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 considered in assessing the results of our audits.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands taken as a whole. The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and support, revenue, expenses and changes in net assets for LSC funds are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and the Legal Services Corporation ("LSC") Audit Guide and Compliance Supplement and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits 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.

Nashville, Tennessee

GrapicPAS PLLC

April 27, 2010

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

	2009			2008
<u>ASSETS</u>				_
Cash and cash equivalents Investments - Note 4 and 13 Accounts receivable Grants receivable Contributions receivable Prepaid expenses Property and equipment, net - Note 5 Client escrow funds	-	413,171 2,961,595 83,386 218,193 428,950 23,793 362,328 9,744		566,330 2,262,993 98,151 183,897 340,203 18,320 377,694 14,904
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$</u>	4,501,160	<u>\$</u>	3,862,492
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>				
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Accrued expenses and other Client escrow deposits  TOTAL LIABILITIES  COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES - Note 11  NET ASSETS	\$	15,532 520,583 9,744 545,859	\$	18,471 496,578 14,904 529,953
Unrestricted:				
Undesignated Designated for property and equipment		1,513,604 362,328	_	861,480 377,694
Total unrestricted		1,875,932		1,239,174
Temporarily restricted - Note 6		2,079,369		2,093,365
TOTAL NET ASSETS		3,955,301	_	3,332,539
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	4,501,160	\$	3,862,492

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

# STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

	2009								
	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED								
	UNRESTRICTED	LSC	NON-LSC	TOTAL	TOTAL				
REVENUES AND SUPPORT									
Federal, state and local awards	\$ -	\$ 2,759,548	\$ 2,263,062	\$ 5,022,610	\$ 5,022,610				
Contributions and foundation grants	621,057	192,995	529,712	722,707	1,343,764				
Investment income (loss) - Note 4	242,155	-	-	-	242,155				
Miscellaneous income	799	-	-	-	799				
Donated services - Note 7	-	1,650,021	-	1,650,021	1,650,021				
Net assets released from restrictions	7,409,334	_(4,602,564)	(2,806,770)	(7,409,334)					
TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT	8,273,345		(13,996)	(13,996)	8,259,349				
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Program services	6,655,185	-	-	-	6,655,185				
Supporting services:									
Management and general	813,047	-	-	-	813,047				
Fundraising - Note 12	168,355				168,355				
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	7,636,5 <b>87</b>				7,636,587				
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	636,758	-	(13,996)	(13,996)	622,762				
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,239,174		2,093,365	2,093,365	3,332,539				
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<b>\$</b> 1, <b>875</b> ,932	<u>\$</u>	\$ 2,079,369	\$ 2,079,369	\$ 3,955,301				

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

-	TEMPO	RARILY REST	RICTED	
UNRESTRICTED	LSC	NON-LSC	TOTAL	TOTAL
\$ -	\$ 2,507,508	\$ 2,079,315	\$ 4,586,823	\$ 4,586,823
572,165	201,087	637,457	838,544	1,410,709
(319,163)	-	-	-	(319,163)
17,350	-	-	-	17,350
6,736,290	1,208,478 (3,917,073)	(2,819,217)	1,208,478 (6,736,290)	1,208,478
7,006,642	<del>-</del>	(102,445)	(102,445)	6,904,197
6,160,100	-	-	-	6,160,100
728,236	-	_	-	728,236
150,645				150,645
7,038,981				7,038,981
(32,339)	-	(102,445)	(102,445)	(134,784)
1,271,513		2,195,810	2,195,810	3,467,323
\$ 1,239,174	\$ -	\$ 2,093,365	\$ 2,093,365	\$ 3,332,539

# <u>LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE</u> <u>AND THE CUMBERLANDS</u>

# STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

	2009							
	PROGRAM		MANAGEMENT					
	SERVICES		ANI	GENERAL	FUN	DRAISING		TOTAL
					(Se	e Note 12)		
PERSONNEL EXPENSES					`	,		
Lawyers	\$	1,813,688	\$	122,483	\$	19,546	\$	1,955,717
Paralegals		439,994		-		_		439,994
Support staff		915,568		243,106		63,497		1,222,171
Employee benefits - Note 10		591,850		61,359		10,200		663,409
Payroll taxes		232,639		27,139		6,199		265,977
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES		3,993,739		454,087		99,442		4,547,268
OTHER EXPENSES								
Donated services - Note 7		1,650,021		_		_		1,650,021
Court costs and litigation		96,323		_		_		96,323
Depreciation		68,610		_		-		68,610
Dues and fees		37,771		2,000		_		39,771
Equipment rental and maintenance - Note 11		21,472		42,592		1,571		65,635
Insurance		25,131		10,545		· -		35,676
Occupancy - Note 11		281,982		70,341		4,646		356,969
Postage		30,562		9,528		8,100		48,190
Printing and publications		101,288		3,336		15,075		119,699
Professional fees and contract services		71,975		130,576		25,957		228,508
Supplies		54,653		61,683		5,367		121,703
Telephone		58,946		16,851		6,475		82,272
Training		19,170		3,234		519		22,923
Travel		143,542		8,274	-	1,203		153,019
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES		2,661,446		358,960		68,913		3,089,319
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	6,655,185	\$	813,047	\$	168,355	\$	7,636,587

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

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F	PROGRAM	MAN	IAGEMENT			<del>-</del>
	SERVICES	AND	GENERAL	FU	NDRAISING	 TOTAL
				(Se	ee Note 12)	
\$	1,789,049	\$	120,085	\$	42,377	\$ 1,951,511
	427,007		-		517	427,524
	903,387		198,309		57,113	1,158,809
	546,417		42,495		10,715	599,627
	230,278		23,709		4,696	 258,683
	3,896,138		384,598		115,418	 4,396,154
	1,208,478		_		-	1,208,478
	81,439		-		-	81,439
	64,869		_		_	64,869
	36,128		2,714		_	38,842
	34,520		23,623		826	58,969
	30,985		13,003		25	44,013
	281,834		80,446		4,546	366,826
	30,858		8,897		5,244	44,999
	107,990		6,780		10,919	125,689
	79,328		124,552		2,635	206,515
	70,216		44,798		5,214	120,228
	65,621		23,272		3,605	92,498
	26,067		3,507		820	30,394
	145,629		12,046		1,393	 159,068
	2,263,962		343,638		35,227	 2,642,827
\$	6,160,100	\$	728,236	\$	150,645	\$ 7,038,981

# <u>LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE</u> <u>AND THE CUMBERLANDS</u>

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

	2009		2008	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Change in net assets	\$	622,762	\$	(134,784)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation		68,610		64,869
Donations of property and equipment		(37,119)		(35,662)
Realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments		(186,254)		391,403
(Increase) decrease in:				
Accounts receivable		14,765		(56,013)
Grants receivable		(34,296)		(62,777)
Contributions receivable		(88,747)		56,031
Prepaid expenses		(5,473)		(2,906)
Increase (decrease) in:				
Accounts payable		(2,939)		(8,687)
Accrued expenses and other		24,005		(47,183)
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS		(247,448)		299,075
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		375,314		164,291
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchases of property and equipment		(16,125)		(13,693)
Purchases of investments	(	(1,194,762)		(1,062,967)
Proceeds from sale of investments		682,414		1,024,201
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(528,473)		(52,459)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(153,159)		111,832
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR		566,330		454,498
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$	413,171	\$	566,330

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

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

# NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands (the "Organization") is a not-for-profit corporation organized to provide legal services for the indigent, the elderly, victims of domestic violence, and otherwise disadvantaged persons. The Organization is supported primarily through grants from Legal Services Corporation ("LSC"), an annual fund-raising campaign, various foundation grants, state and local governments, and local area United Way agencies. The Organization serves 48 counties in middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands.

LSC is a not-for-profit corporation established by the United States Congress in 1974 and located in the District of Columbia. Congress appropriates federal funds annually to LSC which, in turn, makes grants to local organizations that provide legal assistance.

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements present the financial position and operations of the Organization on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Resources are classified as unrestricted, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted net assets, based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions, as follows:

- Unrestricted net assets are free of donor-imposed restrictions. All revenues, gains and losses that are not temporarily or permanently restricted by donors are included in this classification. All expenditures are reported in the unrestricted class of net assets, since the use of restricted contributions in accordance with the donors' stipulations results in the release of the restriction.
- Temporarily restricted net assets are limited as to use by donor-imposed restrictions that expire with the passage of time or that can be satisfied by use for the specific purpose.
- Permanently restricted net assets are amounts required by donors to be held in perpetuity, including gifts requiring that the principal be invested and the income or specific portions thereof be used for operations. The Organization had no permanently restricted net assets as of December 31, 2009 and 2008

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Accounting Standards Codification

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 168, The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, a Replacement of FASB Statement No. 162. This statement modifies the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") hierarchy by establishing only two levels of GAAP, authoritative and nonauthoritative accounting literature. Effective July 2009, the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (the "ASC" or "Codification") is considered the single source of authoritative U.S. accounting and reporting standards, except for additional authoritative rules and interpretive releases issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Nonauthoritative guidance and literature would include, among other things, FASB Concepts Statements, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Issues Papers and Technical Practice Aids, and accounting textbooks. The Codification was developed to organize GAAP pronouncements by topic so that users can more easily access authoritative accounting guidance.

# Contributions and Support

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

Contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as temporarily restricted or permanently restricted support that increases those net asset classes. When a restriction is fulfilled (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

The Organization also receives grant revenue from federal, state, and local agencies. Grant revenue is recognized in the period a liability is incurred for eligible expenditures under the terms of the grant, except the annual basic field grant from LSC, which is deemed to be a contribution and is reported as such, in accordance with the LSC Accounting Guide for LSC Recipients. Advances received on the basic field grant for a subsequent year are recorded as deferred revenue until the year of the award.

Any gifts of equipment or materials are reported as unrestricted support unless explicit donor restrictions specify how the assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions as to how the assets are to be used or funds restricted for the acquisition of long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Expirations of donor restrictions are recognized when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits with banks.

#### Investments

Investments consist of certificates of deposit (regardless of original maturity), stocks, bonds and money market funds and are carried at the quoted market value on the last business day of the reporting period. Interest and dividend income, as well as realized and unrealized gains and losses, are accounted for in accordance with donor restrictions (temporarily restricted) or, in the absence of specific donor restrictions, as unrestricted. The changes in unrealized gains and losses are recognized in the Statement of Activities.

Certificates of deposit as of December 31, 2009, have maturity dates ranging from April through July, 2010.

### Contributions Receivable

Unconditional promises to give, less an applicable allowance for uncollectible amounts, are recognized as revenues in the period received and as assets, decreases in liabilities, or decreases in expenses, depending on the form of the benefits received. Conditional promises to give are not included as support until such time as the conditions are substantially met. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, all contributions receivable were due within one year.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, an allowance for uncollectible amounts has not been provided on contributions receivable since, in management's opinion, the receivable amounts are fully collectible, based on past history.

## Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are reported at cost at the date of purchase, at the carrying basis for assets transferred in from merged organizations, or at estimated fair value at date of gift to the Organization. The Organization's policy is to capitalize purchases with a cost of \$1,000 or more and an estimated useful life greater than one year. Depreciation is calculated by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets (office furniture and computer equipment - 3 to 10 years; buildings and improvements - 10 to 39 years).

Property and equipment acquired with Legal Services Corporation funds are considered to be owned by the Organization. However, LSC has a reversionary interest in the property, as well as the final determination of the use of any proceeds from the sale of those assets.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### **Donated Services**

Donated services are recognized if the services (a) create or enhance non-financial assets; or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would have otherwise been purchased by the Organization. The Organization utilizes donated time from local area attorneys and paralegals who provide legal services to eligible clients. The donated time represents a material contribution to the Organization's operations and is recognized in the financial statements based on average hourly rates for legal services in the respective areas.

A substantial number of unpaid volunteers have contributed their time to the Organization's program and supporting services. The value of this contributed time is not reflected in these statements since it does not meet the criteria noted above.

# Program and Supporting Services

The following program and supporting services are included in the accompanying financial statements:

<u>Program Services</u> - includes activities carried out to fulfill the Organization's mission to provide free civil legal services for low-income individuals, the elderly, and victims of domestic violence in 48 counties in Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands. The Organization leverages resources by cooperation and coordination with bar association sponsored pro bono programs and other legal assistance resources. The Organization places a high priority on supporting the integrity, safety, and well-being of family by providing assistance with preserving the home, obtaining housing, maintaining economic stability, preventing domestic violence, obtaining health care, and encouraging family stability.

# **Supporting Services**

<u>Management and General</u> - relates to the overall direction of the Organization. These expenses are not identifiable with a particular program, but are indispensable to the conduct of those activities and are essential to the Organization. Specific activities include organization oversight, business management, recordkeeping, budgeting, financing, and other administrative activities.

<u>Fundraising</u> - includes costs of activities related to obtaining resources, both financial support and donated legal services. These costs include staff time, materials and other related expenses. Activities related to obtaining financial support include the annual fundraising campaign. (See Note 12.)

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# Allocation of Functional Expenses

Expenses that can be directly attributed to a particular function are charged to that function. Certain costs have been allocated among more than one program or activity based on objectively evaluated financial and nonfinancial data or reasonable subjective methods determined by management.

# **Income Taxes**

The Organization qualifies as a not-for-profit organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, income taxes are not provided.

# Compensated Absences

Compensated absences are accrued for vacation days earned by employees that will be paid in the future. Current policy is to allow employees to carry over not more than 320 hours.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Fair Value Measurements

Financial accounting standards relating to fair value measurements establish a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
  - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
  - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
  - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
  - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by the observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and reflect an entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the assets or liabilities.

An asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques should maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

Investments - Where quoted prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Level 1 securities include highly liquid securities and certain other products, such as mutual funds. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows and are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy. In certain cases where there is limited activity, or less transparency around inputs to the valuation, securities are classified within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy.

No changes in the valuation methodologies have been made since the prior year.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Organization believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with that of other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in different fair value measurements at the reporting date.

### Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made in the prior year financial statements to be comparative with the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on results of operations previously reported.

# **Events Occurring After Reporting Date**

The Organization has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2009 and April 27, 2010, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

# NOTE 3 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents, various grants, accounts and contributions receivable, and investments. Contributions receivable consist of corporate contribution pledges, which are widely dispersed to mitigate credit risk, along with United Way receivables. The United Way receivables and grant receivables represent concentrations of credit risk to the extent they are receivable from concentrated sources. The Organization receives approximately 42% (44% in 2008) of its revenues, excluding donated services, from Legal Services Corporation.

The Organization maintains cash balances and certificates of deposit at financial institutions whose accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to statutory limits. FDIC coverage has been increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per depositor through December 31, 2013. As of December 31, 2009, the Organization's depositor accounts exceeded FDIC insurance limits by approximately \$441,000 (\$431,000 at December 31, 2008).

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

# NOTE 3 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)

The Organization also maintains investment balances at various brokerage and investment companies. These investments consist of various mutual funds, stocks, and bonds. Generally, they are not insured by the FDIC or any other government agency and are subject to investment risk, including the risk of loss of principal. Investors are provided limited protection by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"), a nonprofit membership corporation funded by its member securities broker dealers. SIPC covers investor losses, in some cases, attributable to bankruptcy or fraudulent practices of brokerage firms.

# **NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS**

Investments consisted of the following at December 31:

	2009	2008
Certificates of deposit	\$ 470,717	\$ 367,284
Money market funds	1,081,263	851,449
Equity securities	969,755	693,492
Fixed income securities	439,860	350,768
	\$2,961,595	\$2,262,993

A summary of investment income (loss) follows for the years ended December 31:

		2009	_	2008
Interest and dividend income	\$	55,901	\$	72,240
Realized losses on investments		(76,217)		(54,190)
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments	_	262,471	_	(337,213)
Total investment income (loss)	\$	242,155	<u>\$</u>	(319,163)

# <u>LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE</u> <u>AND THE CUMBERLANDS</u>

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

# NOTE 5 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of the following at December 31:

	_	2009	_	2008
Land	\$	83,000	\$	83,000
Buildings and improvements		479,582		479,582
Office furniture and computer equipment		342,010		288,766
		904,592		851,348
Less accumulated depreciation	_	(542,264)		(473,654)
	<u>\$</u>	362,328	\$	377,694

# NOTE 6 - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets consisted of the following at December 31:

		2009	 2008
Contributions and receivables - time restriction Contributions and receivables - purpose restriction:	\$	367,335	\$ 331,584
Loewenstein chair		1,537,720	1,537,720
Other		110,229	155,667
United Way receivable - time restriction	-	64,085	 68,394
	<u>\$</u>	2,079,369	\$ 2,093,365

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

#### NOTE 7 - DONATED SERVICES

Donated services consisted of the following for the years ended December 31:

		2009			2008	
			Value of Donated			Value of Donated
	Rate	Hours	Services	Rate	Hours	Services
Attorneys	\$150 - \$175	8,667	\$1,459,472	\$150 - \$175	6,083	\$1,042,248
Paralegals	\$ 50	1,240	61,981	\$ 50	1,333	66,650
Law clerk/students	\$10 - \$14	7,748	89,341	\$10 - \$14	5,137	58,418
Other services			39,227			41,162
Total donated services			\$1,650,021			\$1,208,478

#### NOTE 8 - ALLOCATION OF MATCHING FUNDS

The Organization receives grants from the Greater Nashville Regional Council (Title III of the Older Americans Act Grant), the South Central Tennessee Development District Area Agency on Aging and Disability (Title III of the Older Americans Act Grants), the Tennessee Department of Human Services (SSI Representation Grant and Food Stamp Education Grant), the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration (VOCA and STOP Grants), and the U.S. Department of Treasury (Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic Grant). The Organization is required to match 10% of the Title III Grant, 20% of the VOCA Grant, 25% of the STOP Grant, and 50% of the Food Stamp Education Grant and the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic Grant earned during the year. For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, these matches amounted to \$141,102 and \$130,455, respectively.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

# NOTE 9 - DONOR-DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUNDS IN TRUST

Two donor-designated endowment funds have been established with the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee for the benefit of the Organization. The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee has the ultimate authority and control over the funds and, therefore, these assets are not included in the financial statements of the Organization. Income distributed to the Organization is recognized in the year received. During 2009, the Organization received one distribution in the amount of \$5,100 (\$0 received in 2008). Total assets held in these funds amounted to \$114,474 and \$101,414 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

#### NOTE 10 - PENSION PLAN

The Organization's eligible employees are covered under a defined contribution employee benefit plan. At the discretion of the Board, contributions to the plan are made by the Organization on behalf of all eligible employees based on their compensation. Total pension plan expense of the Organization amounted to \$167,570 in 2009 (\$156,265 in 2008).

### NOTE 11 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Organization leases its office space under various cancelable and non-cancelable operating leases with monthly rental payments ranging from \$650 to \$3,525 (excluding the Nashville office lease).

The Organization's Nashville office is leased under a ten-year non-cancelable operating lease that expires in 2013. The lease provides for annual scheduled rent increases and includes two 5-year renewal options. The Organization is also responsible for basic operating expenses, to be adjusted annually. Rent expense is recognized on the straight-line basis over the initial term of the lease. In addition, the Organization subleases a portion of this space to another not-for-profit agency at the same terms. Rent payments from the sublessee are reported on the straight-line basis as a reduction of rent expense. The excess of rent expense recognized, net of sublease income, over the amount paid and received is included in accrued expenses.

The Organization also leases certain office equipment under non-cancelable operating leases expiring between June 2010 and October 2011.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

# NOTE 11 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

A summary of aggregate future lease commitments for office space and various office equipment as of December 31, 2009, follows:

			O	ffice Space			Ec	quipment		
For the year ending	M	linimum Lease		Sublease	7	Net Lease		linimum Lease	N	Total let Lease
December 31,	Cor	nmitments	1	Income		mmitments		nmitments		mmitments
			_							
2010	\$	204,166	\$	32,644	\$	171,522	\$	35,376	\$	206,898
2011		186,249		33,619		152,630		25,101		177,731
2012		180,016		34,635		145,381		-		145,381
2013		60,596		11,660		48,936				48,936
	<u>\$</u>	631,027	\$	112,558	<u>\$</u>	518,469	\$	60,477	\$	578,946

Total rental expense recognized under all such agreements for the years ended December 31, 2009 amounted to approximately \$288,000 (\$280,000 in 2008), net of sublease income, for office space, and approximately \$53,000 for year ended December 31, 2009 (\$55,000 for 2008) for office equipment.

The Organization is self-insured for unemployment compensation. There was no unemployment compensation cost for the year ended December 31, 2009 (\$5,648 for the year ended December 31, 2008).

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### **NOTE 12 - FUNDRAISING EXPENSES**

Fundraising expenses are comprised of the following for the years ended December 31:

		2009		2008
Annual fundraising campaign	\$	146,520	\$	111,527
Recruiting volunteer attorneys		10,782		3,052
Obtaining other financial resources		11,053		36,066
	<u>\$</u>	168,355	<u>\$</u>	150,645

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

#### NOTE 13 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following table sets forth the Organization's major categories of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis, by level within the fair value hierarchy, as of December 31:

2009	Fair Value	Level 1 Inputs	Level 2 Inputs	Level 3 Inputs
Investments	\$ 2,961,595	\$ 2,590,925	\$ 370,670	<u> </u>
2008	Fair Value	Level 1Inputs	Level 2 Inputs	Level 3Inputs
Investments	\$ 2,262,993	\$ 1,895,709	\$ 367,284	\$ -

#### NOTE 14 - INCOME TAXES

On January 1, 2009, the Organization adopted new guidance for the financial statement recognition, measurement and disclosure of uncertain tax positions in an enterprise's financial statements. Income tax positions must meet a more-likely-than-not recognition threshold to be recognized. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material effect on the Organization's financial position and results of operations.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Organization did not have any accrued interest or penalties related to income tax liabilities, and no interest or penalties have been charged to operations for the years then ended.

The Organization files a U.S. federal Form 990 for organizations exempt from income tax. The Organization's returns for years prior to fiscal year 2006 are closed.



# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Program Name	Federal CFDA Number	Contract Number	Award Period	Award	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue 12/31/2008	Receipts	Expenditures	Ac (De Re Other 12/3	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue 12/31/2009
LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION									
Basic Field Grant	09.643040 (1)	N/A	1/01/09 - 12/31/09	\$ 2,759,548	· ·	\$ 2,759,548	\$ 2,759,548 \$	<b>S</b>	'
TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION						2,759,548	2,759,548	'	1
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE									
PASSED THROUGH TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:									
Food Stamp Education Program Food Stamp Education Program	10.561	GR-05-16735-07 GR-10-29680-00	12/01/04 - 9/30/09 10/01/09 - 9/30/10	\$ 123,203 \$ 61,602	\$ 8,286	\$ 38,774	\$ 35,765 \$ 14,354	<b>6</b> 9	5,277 14,354
TOTAL US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					8,286	38,774	50,119	·	19,631
US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT									
PASSED THROUGH CITY OF CLARKSVILLE:									
Community Development Block Grant	14.218	N/A	7/01/08 - 6/30/09	\$ 18,000	\$ 3,141	\$ 11,386	\$ 8,245	69	'
TOTAL PASSED THROUGH CITY OF CLARKSVILLE					3,141	11,386	8,245	1	1
PASSED THROUGH WEST TENNESSEE LEGAL SERVICES:									
Housing Counseling Assistance Program Housing Counseling Assistance Program Fair Housing Initiatives Program - Private Enforcement Fair Housing Initiatives Program - Private Enforcement Fair Housing Initiatives Program - Private Enforcement	14.169 14.169 14.408 14.408	HC07-0000-009 N/A FH700G05044 FH700G05044 FH700G05044	10/01/08 - 9/30/09 10/01/09 - 9/30/10 3/01/07 - 2/28/08 3/01/08 - 2/28/09 3/01/09 - 2/28/10	\$ 77,000 \$ 50,000 \$ 38,906 \$ 38,906	\$ 39,379 - 992 6,518	\$ 77,000 - 992 6,448 1,473	\$ 38,955 \$ 26,063 - 542	\$ (1,334) \$	- 26,063 - - 9,839
TOTAL PASSED THROUGH WEST TENNESSEE LEGAL SERVICES					46,889	85,913	76,872	(1,946)	35,902
<u>TOTAL US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</u>					50,030	97,299	85,117	(1,946)	35,902
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE									
PASSED THROUGH OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN									
Legal Assistance for Victims Program	16.013	2008-WL-AX-0021	10/01/08 - 9/30/10	\$ 450,000	\$ 46,618	\$ 232,572	\$ 207,916	6 <del>9</del>	21,962
TOTAL PASSED THROUGH OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN					46,618	232,572	207,916 \$	'	21,962

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Ргодгат Name	Federal CFDA Number	Contract Number	Award Period	Award	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue 12/31/2008	Receipts	Expenditures	Other	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue 12/31/2009
US DEPARTIMENT OF JUSTICE (CONTINUED)									
PASSED THROUGH TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:									
STOP Violence Against Women (Nashville) STOP Violence Against Women (Tullahoma and Columbia) STOP Violence Against Women (Tullahoma and Columbia) STOP Violence Against Women (Tullahoma and Columbia) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) (Clarksville) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) (Columbia and Tullahoma) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) (Columbia and Tullahoma) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) (Clarksville) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) (Clarksville) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) (Clarksville) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) (Columbia and Tullahoma) ARRA Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Murfreesboro) ARRA Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Columbia)	16.588 16.588 16.588 16.575 16.575 16.575 16.575 16.575 16.803	Z-07-033038-00 Z-07-033039-00 4205 4158 Z-07-033103-00 Z-07-033113-00 Z-07-033110-00 3968 3970 3969 3554	7/01/06 - 6/30/09 7/01/06 - 6/30/09 7/01/09 - 6/30/12 7/01/06 - 6/30/09 7/01/06 - 6/30/09 7/01/06 - 6/30/09 7/01/09 - 6/30/12 7/01/09 - 6/30/12 7/01/09 - 6/30/11 7/01/09 - 6/30/11 7/01/09 - 6/30/11	\$ 67,308 \$ 146,217 \$ 146,217 \$ 146,217 \$ 146,217 \$ 146,217 \$ 17,874 \$ 17,874 \$ 177,801 \$ 177,801 \$ 177,467 \$ 56,000 \$ 56,000	\$ 1,314 4,901 - 4,392 4,101 4,379	\$ 11,453 25,545 7,720 20,499 30,559 26,420 21,848 22,846 21,320 11,738 12,043	\$ 10,139 20,644 9,979 24,513 26,167 22,041 22,041 26,042 26,042 14,086 14,452	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2,259 4,014 4,700 5,402 4,722 2,348 2,409 3,149
TOTAL PASSED THROUGH TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION					19,087	249,695	259,611	1	29,003
PASSED THROUGH MINNESOTA PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, INC/BWJP									
Military CCR Demonstration Project	16.526	N/A	2/01/07 - 6/30/09	\$ 114,235	\$ 2,841	\$ 24,176	\$ 21,335	50	t 69
TOTAL PASSED THROUGH MINNESOTA PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, INC/BWJP	ВМЈР				2,841	24,176	21,335	'	
TOTAL US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE US DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY					68,546	506,443	488,862	1	50,965
Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic Grant Program Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic Grant Program	21.008 21.008	2008129 2009137	1/01/08 - 12/31/08 1/01/09 - 12/31/09	\$ 100,000 \$ 92,927	\$ 30,756	\$ 30,756	\$ 92,927	69	41,240
TOTAL US DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY					30,756	82,443	92,927	'	41,240
<u>US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.</u> PASSED THROUGH THE GREATER NASHVILLE REGIONAL COUNCIL:									
Legal Assistance - Title III Priority Legal Assistance - Title III Priority	93.044 93.044	2009-07 2010-07	7/01/08 - 6/30/09 7/01/09 - 6/30/10	\$ 40,800 \$ 40,800	\$ 6,606	\$ 25,840 24,388	\$ 19,234	' '   69	16,412
TOTAL PASSED THROUGH THE GREATER NASHVILLE REGIONAL COUNCIL		(continued on next page)	next page)		909'9	50,228	60,034	'	16,412

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

							Accrued	ned						Accrued	
	Federal						(Deferred)	тед)						(Deferred)	
Program Name	CFDA Number	Con	Contract Number	Award Period	⋖ ₹	Award Amount	Rev 12/31	Revenue 12/31/2008	Receipts		Expenditures	Other		Revenue 12/31/2009	
PASSED THROUGH THE SOUTH CENTRAL TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY	DISTRICT														
Legal Assistance - Title III Priority Legal Assistance - Title III Priority	93.044		N/A N/A	7/1/08 - 6/30/09 7/1/09 - 6/30/10	6A 6A	36,500 36,500	69	5,802	\$ 23	23,699 \$	1 <b>7,897</b> 30,213	8 2	٠ ١	11,514	
TOTAL PASSED THROUGH THE SOUTH CENTRAL TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY	PMENT DIST	TRICT						5,802	4	42,398	48,110		'	11,514	
PASSED THROUGH TENNESSEE ALLIANCE FOR LEGAL SERVICES															
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - SSI Representation Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - SSI Representation	93.558	(2)	N/A N/A	7/1/08 - 6/30/09 7/1/09 - 6/30/10	69 69	131,200 131,200	es	13,871	\$ 56	56,720 \$	42,849	۰ – ا ۱ م	' '	42,529	
TOTAL PASSED THROUGH TENNESSEE ALLIANCE FOR LEGAL SERVICES	ES							13,871	99	64,692	93,350		'	42,529	
TOTAL US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES							"	26,279	157	157,318	201,494	+	' '	70,455	
TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS							<b>∞</b>	183,897	\$ 3,641,825	,825 \$	3,678,067	7 \$ (1,946)		\$ 218,193	

# Summary of expenditures by CFDA number

50,119

2,759,548

65,018 8,245 11,854 207,916 21,335 153,543

65,275 12,255 28,538 92,927

> 16.588-ARRA 16.803-ARRA

16.526 16.575 16.588 108,144 93,350

21.008 93.044 93.558 3,678,067

Total

09.643040	10.561	14.169	14.218	14.408	16.013
	ler OMB Circular A-133.	state awards, allocation not available.			
	(1) Considered a major program under O	(2) Expenditures include federal and state			

# NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the grant activity of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands, and is presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which is the same basis of accounting as the basic financial statements. This schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and the Legal Services Corporation Audit Guide.

# SCHEDULE OF SUPPORT, REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR LSC FUNDS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Basic Field Grant	Private Attorney Involvement	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Grants and contracts - LSC	\$ 2,516,033	\$ 243,515	\$ 2,759,548
Contributions and foundation grants	4,872	188,123	192,995
Donated services		1,650,021	1,650,021
Total support and revenue	2,520,905	2,081,659	4,602,564
PERSONNEL EXPENSES			
Lawyers	571,563	162,739	734,302
Paralegals	105,010	41,805	146,815
Support staff	486,483	104,808	591,291
Employee benefits	425,496	32,690	458,186
Payroll taxes	77,995	24,442	102,437
Total personnel expenses	1,666,547	366,484	2,033,031
OTHER EXPENSES			
Donated services	-	1,650,021	1,650,021
Court costs and litigation	63,152	9,494	72,646
Dues and fees	7,240	1,359	8,599
Equipment rental and maintenance	53,050	1,600	54,650
Insurance	28,109	1,500	29,609
Occupancy	273,506	12,477	285,983
Postage	28,361	3,200	31,561
Printing and publications	54,959	2,659	57,618
Professional fees and contract services	107,601	20,416	128,017
Supplies	61,324	5,736	67,060
Telephone	58,121	3,622	61,743
Training	17,165	948	18,113
Travel	96,898	2,143	99,041
Total other expenses	849,486	1,715,175	2,564,661
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,516,033	2,081,659	4,597,692
SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	4,872	-	4,872
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS			
Acquisition of equipment	(4,872)		(4,872)
TOTAL CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	-	-	-
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR			
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$	\$	\$





# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

Board of Directors Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands Nashville, Tennessee

We have audited the financial statements of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands (the "Organization") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated April 27, 2010. 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 Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands' internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

# Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands' financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the management of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands in a separate letter dated April 27, 2010.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, others within the Organization 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.

Nashville, Tennessee

GraftCPAS PLLC

April 27, 2010



# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133 AND THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION AUDIT GUIDE AND COMPLIANCE SUPPLEMENT

Board of Directors Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands Nashville, Tennessee

# Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands (the "Organization") with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement and the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) Audit Guide and Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2009. Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands' major federal program is identified in the Summary of Auditors' results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands' compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance 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 LSC Audit Guide and Compliance Supplement. Those standards, OMB Circular A-133, and the LSC Audit Guide 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 Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands' 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 of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands' compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2009.

# Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands 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 Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands' internal control over compliance with the 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 internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, others within the Organization 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.

Nashville, Tennessee April 27, 2010

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# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

# Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

# Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued:	Unqualified	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weakness(es) identified?	yes	X no
<ul> <li>Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?</li> </ul>	yes	X none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	yes	Xno
Federal Awards		
Internal control over major programs:		
Material weakness(es) identified?	yes	Xno
<ul> <li>Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?</li> </ul>	yes	X none reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unqualified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133?	yes	Xno
Identification of major programs:		
CFDA Number(s) Name of Federal Program or Cluster		
09.643040 Legal Services Corporation Bas	sic Field Grant	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$300,000	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	yes	X no