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**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
NOBLE COUNTY**

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

Law Library Association  
Noble County  
300 County Court House  
Caldwell, Ohio 43724

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Law Library Association, Noble County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Library'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.

As discussed in Note 1, the Library prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balances of the Law Library Association, Noble County, as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

As discussed in Note 2, the Library has included activity associated with the Retained Monies Fund.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 21, 2003 on our consideration of the Library's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. 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.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

April 21, 2003

**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
NOBLE COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL PUBLIC FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

	General Fund	Retained Monies Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Fine and Forfeitures	\$23,309	\$	\$23,309
Total Cash Receipts	23,309	0	23,309
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Supplies and Materials	22,016		22,016
Miscellaneous	431		431
Total Cash Disbursements	22,447	0	22,447
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	862	0	862
<b>Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):</b>			
Remittance to Retained Funds	(86)	86	0
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(86)	86	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	776	86	862
Public Fund Cash Balances, January 1	735	2,527	3,262
<b>Public Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b>\$1,511</b>	<b>\$2,613</b>	<b>\$4,124</b>

*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL PUBLIC FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	General Fund	Retained Monies Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Fine and Forfeitures	\$25,559	\$	\$25,559
Total Cash Receipts	25,559	0	25,559
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Supplies and Materials	24,364		24,364
Miscellaneous	378		378
Total Cash Disbursements	24,742	0	24,742
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	817	0	817
<b>Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):</b>			
Remittance to Retained Funds	(82)	82	0
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(82)	82	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	735	82	817
Public Fund Cash Balances, January 1	0	2,445	2,445
<b>Public Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b>\$735</b>	<b>\$2,527</b>	<b>\$3,262</b>

*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*



**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The Law Library Association, Noble County (the Library), is directed by a board of three trustees who are appointed tri-annually by members of the Noble County Bar Association. The Library provides free access for all county officers and the judges of the several courts within the county.

The Library operates by receiving a portion of fine and forfeiture monies from the courts under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Sections 3375.50 to .53, inclusive. The Library is permitted to expend funds under ORC Section 3375.54. The funds of the Library are expended on the purchase, lease or rental of lawbooks; computer communications consoles to access a system of computerized legal research; microfilm materials and equipment, videotape materials and equipment; audio or visual materials and equipment; and other services, materials, and equipment that provide legal information or facilitate legal research.

The Noble County Commissioners are required by ORC Section 3375.49 to provide adequate facilities for the Library. The Board of County Commissioners is required to provide suitable bookcases, heating and lighting for the rooms.

The Board of Trustees hires a law librarian and not more than two assistant law librarians. The Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Noble County fix the compensation of the librarian and up to two assistant librarians pursuant to ORC Section 3375.48. If the Library provides free access to all county officers and the judges of the several courts, the salary of the law librarian and up to two assistants should be paid from the county treasury. If the conditions above are not met, then the salary of the librarian and any assistants should be paid by the Library. The law librarian is paid by the County.

The Library's management believes these financial statements present all public funds for which the Library is financially accountable. The Library does not maintain any private monies.

**B. Basis of Accounting**

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

**C. Fund Accounting**

The Library uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is restricted as to use. The Library classifies its funds into the following types:

**1. General Fund**

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**C. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**2. Retained Monies Fund**

Retained Monies Fund consists of monies retained by the Library under Ohio Revised Code § 3375.56. At the end of each calendar year the Library is permitted under law to retain up to ten percent of their unencumbered balance. See Footnote 2 for additional information.

**D. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Acquisitions of equipment are recorded as equipment disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements. Items purchased which are deemed to be equipment are computers, copiers, fax machines, and other items related toward facilitating the use of the equipment.

**E. Refund to Relative Income Sources**

If certain conditions are met, the Library is required to refund at least ninety percent of any balance to political subdivisions that provided revenues to the Library. See Footnote 3 for additional information.

**F. Total Columns on Financial Statements**

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned (Memorandum Only) to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, or results of operations in conformity with the basis of accounting described above. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

**2. ACCOUNTING CHANGE**

Prior to January 1, 2001, the retained monies funds were not disclosed by the Library. Effective January 1, 2001, the Library determined the amounts relating to their Retained Monies Fund by providing prior years' annual detailed statements to the County Auditor to support the balance.

**3. CALCULATION OF REFUND TO RELATIVE INCOME SOURCES AND AMOUNT RETAINED**

In any year that revenues exceed disbursements, the Library refunds at least ninety percent of the balance to the political subdivisions who provided the funds and retains the remaining amount. This refund process is referred to as the application of ORC 3375.56 or refund to relative income sources. The following charts present the refunded and retained amounts during 2002 and 2001.

<b>Balance at December 31, 2002 Refunded and Retained During Calendar Years 2003 and 2002</b>	
Balance at December 31, 2002	\$ 862
Refunded to Relative Sources during 2003	\$ 776
Retained Funds Amount during 2002	\$ 86

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001  
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**3. CALCULATION OF REFUND TO RELATIVE INCOME SOURCES AND AMOUNT RETAINED  
(Continued)**

<b>Balance at December 31, 2001 Refunded and Retained During Calendar Years 2003 and 2001</b>	
Balance at December 31, 2001	\$ 817
Refunded to Relative Sources during 2003	\$ 735
Retained Funds Amount during 2001	\$ 82

The Library did not remit the 2001 and 2002 amounts due to Noble County Courts until 2003. The Library remitted a check in the amount of \$1,511 on January 20, 2003 to Noble County.

**4. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH**

The Library maintains a cash pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash at December 31 follows:

	2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$4,124	\$3,262

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Commercial Insurance**

The Noble County Law Library has obtained commercial insurance through the Noble County Commissioners for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability and
- Errors and omissions.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Law Library Association  
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Caldwell, Ohio 43724

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Law Library Association, Noble County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated April 21, 2003, wherein we indicated the Association has included the Retained Monies Fund for the first time. 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.

**Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Library'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*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Library in a separate letter dated April 21, 2003.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Library'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 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 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 other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Library in a separate letter dated April 21, 2003.

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April 21, 2003



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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MAY 29, 2003**