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Betty Montgomery**

TRUMBULL COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
TRUMBULL COUNTY

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Trumbull County Law Library Association
120 High Street NW
Warren, Ohio 44481-1003

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the general fund of the Trumbull County Law Library Association (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002. 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. Also, the financial statements present only the general fund and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Library in conformity with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balances of the Library's general fund as of December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 18, 2005, 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 the 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

January 18, 2005

**TRUMBULL COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
TRUMBULL COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL PUBLIC FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	General Fund
Cash Receipts:	
Fines and Forfeitures	\$386,996
Total Cash Receipts	386,996
Cash Disbursements:	
Subscriptions, Journals, Books	309,751
Payroll and Benefits	55,692
Repairs and Maintenance	2,040
Supplies	4,170
Equipment Lease	9,644
Miscellaneous	13,409
Total Cash Disbursements	394,706
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(7,710)
Other Financing (Disbursements):	
Loan Repayment to Private Fund	(2,490)
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(10,200)
Public Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2003	28,321
Public Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2003	\$18,121

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, 2002**

	General Fund
Cash Receipts:	
Fines and Forfeitures	\$411,582
Miscellaneous Receipts	115
Total Cash Receipts	411,697
Cash Disbursements:	
Subscriptions, Journals, Books	323,299
Payroll and Benefits	56,097
Repairs and Maintenance	1,865
Supplies	7,233
Equipment Lease	7,656
Miscellaneous	14,712
Total Cash Disbursements	410,862
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	835
Public Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2002	27,486
Public Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2002	\$28,321

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Trumbull County Law Library Association (the Library) is directed by a board of five trustees who are elected annually by members of the Trumbull 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 (and any associated interest) 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 law books; 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 Trumbull 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 hire a librarian and not more than two assistant law librarians. The Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Trumbull 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 Library's management believes these financial statements present all public funds for which the Library is financially accountable.

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Cash

Demand deposits are valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

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

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.

E. 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.

2. EQUITY IN CASH

The carrying amount of cash at December 31 follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Demand Deposits	\$18,121	\$28,321

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trumbull County Law Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Errors and omissions; and
- Employee dishonesty bonds.

4. ASSOCIATION FUND LOANS

The Library receives funding that is considered private. Private monies include: membership dues, overdue book charges, photocopying charges, and donations from its members and supporters. Private monies are held in an association fund, separate from public monies, and may be disbursed at the discretion of the Library's Board of Trustees. The Association Fund has loaned money to the General Fund to assist the Library in meeting its statutory requirements. The loans are repaid whenever excess public monies become available.



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

Trumbull County Law Library Association
120 High Street NW
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Trumbull County Law Library Association (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated January 18, 2005, wherein we indicated the financial statements only include the general fund. 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*.

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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management and Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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January 18, 2005



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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
FEBRUARY 10, 2005**