



**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
HANCOCK COUNTY**

FINAL AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009



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To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statement in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statement you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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September 1, 2010

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Law Library Association
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the general fund of the Law Library Association, Hancock County, (the Library) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Library's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The financial statement presents only the general fund and does not intend to present fairly the financial position or results of operations of the all the Library funds.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Library has prepared this financial statement using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statement of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

While the Library does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statement does not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require law library associations to reformat their statements. The Library has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statement referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2009 does not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Library as of December 31, 2009, or its changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statement referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balance of the Law Library Association, Hancock County, general fund as of December 31, 2009, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

House Bill 420 of the 127th General Assembly required the Library to transfer its public cash and property purchased with public funds to the county on or before January 1, 2010. The County assumed accounting responsibilities for these funds commencing in 2010, and the County will present these funds in its financial statements.

The Library has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 1, 2010, 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 grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



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Auditor of State

September 1, 2010

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	General Fund
Cash Receipts:	
Fine and Forfeitures	\$204,641
Interest	20
Miscellaneous Receipts	862
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Total Cash Receipts	205,523
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Cash Disbursements:	
Salaries and Benefits	37,263
Supplies and Materials	134,290
Travel Reimbursements	3,100
Audit Cost	2,720
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Total Cash Disbursements	177,373
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Total Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	28,150
Other Financing Receipts:	
Refunds from Vendors	1,028
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Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	29,178
Public Fund Cash Balance, January 1	1,549
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Public Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$30,727
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**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
HANCOCK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

The Law Library Association, Hancock County, Ohio (the Library), is governed by a board of six voting trustees. Members of the Hancock County Bar Association elected annually elect the board members. The Library provides access to 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) §§ 3375.50 to .53, inclusive. ORC § 3375.54 authorizes the Library to disburse funds to purchase, lease or rent 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.

ORC §3375.49 requires the Hancock County Commissioners to provide adequate facilities for the Library, including suitable bookcases, heating and lighting for the rooms.

The Board of Trustees hires a librarian and not more than two assistant law librarians. The Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Hancock County fix these librarians' compensation pursuant to ORC § 3375.48. If the Library provides free access to all county officers and the judges of the several courts, the County treasury pays the librarians' salary. If the Library does not provide free access, the Library must pay the librarians' salary.

During 2009, Ohio Rev. Code Section 3375.48 was repealed, putting in place Section 311 of House Bill 420, making the county commissioners responsible for compensating the librarian and up to two assistants and for the costs of the space and utilities.

As of January 1, 2010, a Law Library Resources Board (LLRB) will govern county law libraries. Each county will establish a county law library resources fund (LLRF) as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 307.514. On or before January 1, 2010 the Library must transfer money and property purchased with fine and penalties monies to the LLRB. The Library transferred all funds totaling \$30,654 on January 25, 2010 to the LLRF. Expenditures from the LLRF fund shall be made pursuant to the annual appropriation measure adopted by the commissioners.

The Library's management believes these financial statements present all public funds for which the Library is financially accountable.

The Library deems some funds it receives as private monies. Private monies include: seminar income, interest, and photocopying charges. Fees the Library collects for the use of books and copiers remain private even though the books and copiers may have been purchased with public funds. The Library need not comply with ORC § 3375.54 when disbursing private money. The accompanying financial statement does not present private monies.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Accounting Basis

This financial statement follows the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Library recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources.

D. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Library records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

2. Equity in Pooled Deposits

The Library maintains a deposit pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31 was as follows:

	2009
Demand deposits	<u>\$30,727</u>

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

3. Risk Management

Commercial Insurance

The Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Law Library Association
Hancock County
300 South Main Street, 4th Floor
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statement of the Law Library Association, Hancock County, Ohio (the Library) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated September 1, 2010, wherein we noted the Library followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We also disclosed the financial statement include only the general fund. We also disclosed that State Statute requires the Library to transfer its public funds to the County. The County assumed accounting responsibilities for the Library in 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Library's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Library'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, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Library's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

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 material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Library's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2009-001.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, and others within the Library. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Taylor".

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

September 1, 2010

LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2009

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

1. Compensation to be paid by the County

<i>Finding Number</i>	2009-001
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Finding for Recovery Repaid Under Audit

Ohio Revised Code § 3375.49(B) states that during calendar year 2009, the board of county commissioners shall be responsible for paying the compensation of the librarian and up to two assistant librarians of the law library appointed by the board of trustees of the law library association under section 3375.48 of the Revised Code as repealed by House Bill 420.

In December 2009, the Law Library Association paid \$36,666 in salaries and related payroll costs for the Law Librarian and Assistant Law Librarian, in violation of Ohio Revised Code § 3375.49(B).

In accordance with the foregoing facts, and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 117.28, a Finding for Recovery for public money illegally expended is hereby issued against the Hancock County Law Library Association, in the amount of \$36,666, in favor of the Hancock County Law Library Resources Fund.

On August 12, 2010, the Hancock County Commissioners transferred the \$36,666 from the County's General Fund to the Law Library Resources Fund.

Officials' Response:

We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding.

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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
SEPTEMBER 23, 2010**