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Law Library Association Meigs County P.O. Box 744 Pomeroy, Ohio 45769

#### 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 statements 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 statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

June 5, 2008

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Law Library Association Meigs County P.O. Box 744 Pomeroy, Ohio 45769

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the General Fund and Retained Monies Fund of the Law Library Association, Meigs County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. 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 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 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The financial statements present only the General Fund and Retained Monies Fund and do not intend to present fairly the financial position or results of operations of all the Library funds.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Library has prepared these financial statements 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 statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Library's larger (i.e., major) funds separately. While the Library does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do 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.

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In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 do 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, 2007 and 2006, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balances of the Law Library Association, Meigs County, Ohio, General Fund and Retained Monies Fund as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

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

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 June 5, 2008, 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.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

June 5, 2008

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	General Fund		Retained Monies Fund		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts: Fine and Forfeitures	\$	26,135	\$		\$	26,135
Total Cash Receipts		26,135	<u>*</u>	0	Ψ	26,135
Cash Disbursements: Supplies and Materials Refunds to Relative Income Sources - See Note 1 Equipment Other		18,717 7,860 231 326		0		18,717 7,860 231 326
Total Cash Disbursements		27,134		0		27,134
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements		(999)		0		(999)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Remittance to Retained Funds		(873)		873		0
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)		(873)		873		0
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements		(1,872)		873		(999)
Public Fund Cash Balances, January 1		8,750		3,139		11,889
Public Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	6,878	\$	4,012	\$	10,890

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

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	General Fund	Retained Monies Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts:				
Fine and Forfeitures	\$ 32,962	2 \$	\$ 32,962	
Total Cash Receipts	32,962	2 0	32,962	
Cash Disbursements:				
Supplies and Materials	22,352	<u>)</u>	22,352	
Refunds to Relative Income Sources - See Note 1	17,865	5	17,865	
Other	2,746	<u> </u>	2,746	
Total Cash Disbursements	42,963	3 0	42,963	
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(10,001	0	(10,001)	
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Remittance to Retained Funds Refunds from Vendors	(1,971 1,015	•	0 1,015	
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(956	<u> 1,971</u>	1,015	
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	(10,957	7) 1,971	(8,986)	
Public Fund Cash Balances, January 1	19,707	7 1,168	20,875	
Public Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 8,750	\$ 3,139	\$ 11,889	

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Description of the Entity

The Meigs County Law Library Association (the Library) is governed by a board of three trustees. Members of the Meigs County Bar Association 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 Meigs County Commissioners to provide adequate facilities for the Library, including 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 Meigs County fix these librarians' compensation pursuant to ORC § 3375.48. In calendar years 2007 through 2010, the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Trustees are responsible for paying the compensation of the librarian and up to two assistant librarians. In calendar year 2007, the Board of County Commissioners shall pay eighty percent of the salary, with the Board of Trustees paying the remaining twenty percent. In calendar year 2006, the Board of County Commissioners shall pay one hundred percent of the salary.

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

#### **B.** Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow 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.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

#### C. Cash

The Law Librarian invests all available funds of the Library in a non interest-bearing checking account.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006 (Continued)

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### D. Fund Accounting

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

#### 1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

#### 2. Retained Monies Fund

Retained Monies Fund reports funds the Library retains under Ohio Revised Code § 3375.56. At the end of each calendar year the Library may retain up to ten percent of their unencumbered balance. See footnote 2 for additional information.

#### E. 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.

#### F. Refund to Relative Income Sources

If certain conditions are met, Ohio Revised Code § 3375.56 requires the Library to refund at least ninety percent of any *unencumbered* balance to political subdivisions that provided revenues to the Library. See Footnote 2 for additional information.

#### 2. REFUND TO RELATIVE INCOME SOURCES AND AMOUNT RETAINED

In any year that receipts exceed disbursements, the Library refunds at least ninety percent of the unencumbered balance to the political subdivisions who provided the funds and retains the remainder. Ohio Revised Code § 3375.56 requires this "refund to relative income sources". The following tables present the refunded and retained amounts during 2007 and 2006.

#### Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2006 Refunded and Retained During Calendar Year 2007

Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2006	\$ 8,750
Refunded to Relative Sources during 2007	\$ 7,860
Retained Funds Amount during 2007	\$ 873

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006 (Continued)

#### 2. REFUND TO RELATIVE INCOME SOURCES AND AMOUNT RETAINED (Continued)

Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2005

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Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2005	\$	19,707
Refunded to Relative Sources during 2006	\$	17,865
Retained Funds Amount during 2006	\$	1,971

The Library overpaid Meigs County by \$129 when they made their refund in 2006. Therefore, the amounts refunded to Relative Sources during 2006 plus the amount transferred to the Retained Monies fund resulted in disbursements in excess of the Library's fund balance of \$129. Because the fund balance at December 31, 2006 was \$129 less than it should have been, the Library underpaid Meigs County by \$131 in 2007 and underpaid the Retained Monies fund in 2007 by \$15. The net affect of this resulted in immaterial variances.

#### 3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	2007		2006		
Demand deposits	\$	10,890	\$	11,889	

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

#### 4. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

During 2007, the Library encumbered funds to reimburse the County for twenty percent of the Law Librarian's salary and benefits.

The Library's employee belongs to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2007 and 2006, OPERS members contributed 9.5 percent and 9 percent, respectively, of their gross salaries and the County and Library contributed an amount equaling 13.85 percent and 13.7 percent, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The County and Library have paid all contributions required through December 31, 2007.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006 (Continued)

#### 5. RISK MANAGEMENT

#### **Commercial Insurance**

The Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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



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

Law Library Association Meigs County P.O. Box 744 Pomeroy, Ohio 45769

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Law Library Association, Meigs County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated June 5, 2008, 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 statements include only the General and Retained Monies Funds. 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 expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine 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 control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Library's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Library's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Library's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be 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.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the Library's management in a letter dated June 5, 2008.

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#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Library's financial statements are 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the Library's management in a letter dated June 5, 2008.

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

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

June 5, 2008



#### LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

#### **MEIGS COUNTY**

#### **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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

**CERTIFIED JULY 1, 2008**