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**GEAUGA COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
GEAUGA COUNTY**

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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 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.

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August 26, 2009

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Geauga County Law Library Association  
Geauga County  
100 Short Court, Main Street  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the general fund and the retained monies fund of the Geauga County Law Library Association, Geauga County, Ohio, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. 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 the retained monies fund and do not intend to present fairly the financial position or results of operations of the all 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.

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 Libraries 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 statements referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 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, 2008 and 2007, 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 Geauga County Law Library's general fund and the retained monies fund as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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 August 26, 2009 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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August 26, 2009



**GEAUGA COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
GEAUGA COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL PUBLIC FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Retained Monies Fund</b>	<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Fine and Forfeitures	\$227,465		\$227,465
Interest	60	\$10,859	10,919
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>227,525</b>	<b>10,859</b>	<b>238,384</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Books, subscriptions, etc.	197,713		197,713
Refunds to Relative Income Sources - See Note 2	25,621		25,621
Supplies and Materials	7,784		7,784
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>231,118</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>231,118</b>
<b>Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>(3,593)</b>	<b>10,859</b>	<b>7,266</b>
<b>Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):</b>			
Transfer from Retained Monies Fund	3,600	(3,600)	0
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>(3,600)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7,259</b>	<b>7,266</b>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>312,084</b>	<b>312,084</b>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>\$319,343</b>	<b>\$319,350</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, 2007**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Retained Monies Fund</b>	<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Fine and Forfeitures	\$254,187		\$254,187
Interest	167	\$10,893	11,060
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>254,354</b>	<b>10,893</b>	<b>265,247</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Books, subscriptions, etc.	218,898		218,898
Refunds to Relative Income Sources - See Note 2	15,258		15,258
Supplies and Materials	20,197		20,197
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>254,353</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>254,353</b>
<b>Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10,893</b>	<b>10,894</b>
<b>Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):</b>			
Remittance to Retained Monies Fund	(1)	1	0
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,894</b>	<b>10,894</b>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>301,190</b>	<b>301,190</b>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$312,084</b>	<b>\$312,084</b>

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

**GEAUGA COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The Geauga County Law Library Association (the Library) is governed by a board of five trustees. Members of the Geauga 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 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.

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

The Board of Trustees hired a librarian and not more than two assistant law librarians. The Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of 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.

House Bill 66 amended Ohio Rev. Code Section 3375.48 effective September 29, 2005 to transfer the authority to fix the compensation of the law librarian and assistant law librarians from the judges of the common pleas court to the county law library association's board of trustees. During 2008, the county commissioners were responsible for 60% of the librarian's and assistants' compensation and for 80% of the costs of the space and utilities for the law library as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3375.49.

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. 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: membership dues, overdue book charges, 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 statements do not present private monies.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**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 and Investments**

The Library's accounting basis includes Investments as assets. Accordingly, this basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Library values certificates of deposit at cost.

**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 accounts for 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.

**F. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The Library records disbursements for equipment acquisitions when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets. The Library deems computers, copiers, fax machines, and other items related toward facilitating the use of equipment as equipment.

**G. 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**H. 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 Library's accounting basis. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. The Library does not eliminate interfund transactions when aggregating this data.

**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 2008 and 2007.

Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2007	
Refunded and Retained During Calendar Year 2008	
Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2007	\$22,021
Refunded to Relative Sources during 2008	<u>25,621</u>
Retained Funds Amount during 2008	<u><u>(\$3,600)</u></u>

Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2006	
Refunded and Retained During Calendar Year 2007	
Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2006	\$15,259
Refunded to Relative Sources during 2007	<u>15,258</u>
Retained Funds Amount during 2007	<u><u>\$1</u></u>

At December 31, 2008, the Library had no unencumbered balance to refund.

**3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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

	2008	2007
Demand deposits	\$249,576	\$244,193
Certificates of deposit	<u>69,774</u>	<u>67,891</u>
Total deposits	<u><u>\$319,350</u></u>	<u><u>\$312,084</u></u>

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Commercial Insurance**

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

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; 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*

Geauga County Law Library Association  
Geauga County  
100 Short Court, Main Street  
Chardon, Ohio 44024

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the general fund and the retained monies fund of the Geauga County Law Library Association, Geauga County, Ohio, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 and have issued our report thereon dated August 26, 2009, 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 fund and the retained monies 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 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.

### **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 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.

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**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
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August 26, 2009





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**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**GEAUGA 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.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**