



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
MEIGS COUNTY**

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Law Library Association
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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 a February 2, 2005 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 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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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

April 20, 2006

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Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Law Library Association
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Law Library Association, Meigs County, Ohio (the Association), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association'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 that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Association 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.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Association to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2005 and 2004, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements for 2005 and 2004. While the Association does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Association has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Association does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, 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 years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Association as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, 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 Association as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Association to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The Association 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 April 20, 2006, on our consideration of the Association'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.



Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

April 20, 2006

**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
MEIGS COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	General Fund	Retained Monies Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Fine and Forfeitures	\$34,215	\$0	\$34,215
Miscellaneous Receipts	565		565
Total Cash Receipts	<u>34,780</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,780</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Operation of Library	1,159		1,159
Refunds to Relative Income Sources - See Note 2	9,228		9,228
Publications Expense	11,541		11,541
Furniture and Equipment	2,190		2,190
Miscellaneous	183		183
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>24,301</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24,301</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>10,479</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,479</u>
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):			
Remittance to Retained Funds	(1,007)	1,007	0
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	<u>(1,007)</u>	<u>1,007</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	9,472	1,007	10,479
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>10,235</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>10,396</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$19,707</u>	<u>\$1,168</u>	<u>\$20,875</u>

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

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
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ALL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	General Fund	Retained Monies Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Fine and Forfeitures	\$35,148	\$0	\$35,148
Refund from County Auditor	3,500		3,500
Miscellaneous Receipts	225		225
Total Cash Receipts	38,873	0	38,873
Cash Disbursements:			
Operation of Library	1,386		1,386
Refunds to Relative Income Sources - See Note 2	146		146
Payment to County Auditor	3,500		3,500
Publication Expense	19,744		19,744
Equipment	1,505		1,505
Miscellaneous	2,357		2,357
Total Cash Disbursements	28,638	0	28,638
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	10,235	0	10,235
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	0	161	161
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$10,235	\$161	\$10,396

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

**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
MEIGS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Law Library Association, Meigs County (the Association), is governed by a board of 3 trustees. Members of the Meigs County Bar Association elected annually elect the board members. The Association provides access to all county officers and the judges of the several courts within the county.

The Association 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 Association 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 Meigs County Commissioners to provide adequate facilities for the Law 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 Meigs County fix these librarians' compensation pursuant to ORC § 3375.48. If the Association provides free access to all county officers and the judges of the several courts, the County treasury pays the librarians' salary. If the Association does not provide free access, the Association must pay the librarians' salary.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Association 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 Association'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.

D. Fund Accounting

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

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 Association retains under Ohio Revised Code § 3375.56. At the end of each calendar year the Association may retain up to ten percent of their unencumbered balance.

E. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

F. Refund to Relative Income Sources

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

G. 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 Association's accounting basis. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. The Association 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 Association refunds at least ninety percent of the 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." There was no Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2003. Therefore, no Refund to Relative Sources or Retained Fund Amounts was required to be paid during 2004. However, \$146 was Refunded to Relative Sources during 2004. The following table presents the refunded and retained amounts during 2005.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004
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2. REFUND TO RELATIVE INCOME SOURCES AND AMOUNT RETAINED (Continued)

Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2004	
Refunded and Retained During Calendar Year 2005	
Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2004	\$10,235
Refunded to Relative Sources for 2004 paid during 2005	9,228
Retained Funds Amount to be paid during 2005	\$1,007

The following chart represents the minimum refund and maximum retained amounts to be paid during 2006 based on the Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2005.

Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2005	
Refunded and Retained During Calendar Year 2006	
Unencumbered Balance at December 31, 2005	\$19,707
Minumum Refund to Relative Sources for 2005 to be paid during 2006	17,736
Maximum Retained Funds Amount to be paid during 2006	\$1,971

3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Association 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:

	2005	2004
Demand deposits	\$20,875	\$10,396

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

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Association has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- 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
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Law Library Association, Meigs County, Ohio (the Association) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 and have issued our report thereon dated April 20, 2006, wherein we noted the Association followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Association's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures in order to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Association's management dated April 20, 2006, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem a reportable condition.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Association'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*. In a separate letter to the Association's management dated April 20, 2006, we reported other matters related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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April 20, 2006



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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.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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JUNE 01, 2006**