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**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
NOBLE 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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November 14, 2007

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Law Library Association
Noble County
300 County Court House
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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 Law Library Association, Noble County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. 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.

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 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 years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 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, 2006 and 2005, 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 cash balances of the Law Library Association, Noble County, Ohio, General Fund and the Retained Monies Fund as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

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 November 14, 2007, 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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November 14, 2007

**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
NOBLE COUNTY**

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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Retained Monies Fund</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:			
Fine and Forfeitures	\$19,386		\$19,386
Total Cash Receipts	<u>19,386</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>19,386</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Books and Reference Materials	18,930		18,930
Supplies and Materials	16		16
Telephone Expenses	420		420
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>19,366</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,366</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	20	0	20
Public Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>0</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>263</u>
Public Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$20</u>	<u>\$263</u>	<u>\$283</u>

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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, 2005**

	General Fund	Retained Monies Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Fine and Forfeitures	\$20,630		\$20,630
Miscellaneous Receipts	4,558		4,558
Total Cash Receipts	25,188	\$0	25,188
Cash Disbursements:			
Books and Reference Materials	26,334		26,334
Supplies and Materials	24		24
Telephone Expenses	378		378
Total Cash Disbursements	26,736	0	26,736
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(1,548)	0	(1,548)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):			
Transfers-In	1,548		1,548
Transfers-Out		(1,548)	(1,548)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	1,548	(1,548)	0
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	0	(1,548)	(1,548)
Public Fund Cash Balances, January 1	0	1,811	1,811
Public Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$0	\$263	\$263

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

**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
NOBLE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

The Law Library Association, Noble County (the Library), is governed by a board of three trustees. Members of the Noble County Bar Association tri-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 Noble 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 Noble 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.

The Library's management believes these financial statements present all public funds for which the Library is financially accountable. The Library does not maintain 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. Fund Accounting

The Library uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Fund Accounting (Continued)

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.

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. The Library deems computers, copiers, fax machines, and other items related toward facilitating the use of equipment as equipment.

E. Refund 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.

F. Change in Law

There is a phase in period between 2006 and 2011 where the County will transfer responsibility for compensating the Law Librarian and Assistant Law Library Association Trustees (ORC § 3375.49). The Board of Trustees may now elect to assume responsibility for 100% of the compensation prior to 2011.

2. Refund to Relative Income Sources and Amount Retained

During 2005, the receipts did not exceed disbursements; thus, the Library was not required to refund at least ninety percent of the balance to the Noble County Auditor.

During 2006, the receipts exceeded disbursements by \$20; thus, in 2007 the Library would be required to retain \$2 in the Retained Monies Fund and disburse \$18 to the relative income source.

3. Equity in Pooled Cash

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

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Demand deposits	<u>\$283</u>	<u>\$263</u>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005
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4. Risk Management

Commercial Insurance

The Library has obtained commercial insurance through the Noble County Commissioners 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
Noble County
300 County Court House
Caldwell, Ohio 43724

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Law Library Association, Noble County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2007, 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.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to the Library's management in a separate letter dated November 14, 2007.

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 separate letter dated November 14, 2007.

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

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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

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DECEMBER 6, 2007**