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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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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Geauga County Law Library Association  
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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, (the Library) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009. 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.

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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 year ended December 31, 2009 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, 2009, or its changes in financial position for the year 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 Association, Geauga County, the general fund and the retained monies fund as of December 31, 2009, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

As discussed in Note 1 D 2, the Library has included activity associated with the Retained Monies Fund.

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 will assume 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 October 14, 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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October 14, 2010



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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, 2009**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Retained Monies Fund</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>			
Fine and Forfeitures	\$186,637		\$186,637
Interest		\$5,297	5,297
Miscellaneous Receipts	153		153
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<u>186,790</u>	<u>5,297</u>	<u>192,087</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>			
Books, subscriptions, etc.	179,427	14,990	194,417
Supplies and Materials	8,690		8,690
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<u>188,117</u>	<u>14,990</u>	<u>203,107</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>(1,327)</u>	<u>(9,693)</u>	<u>(11,020)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):</b>			
Transfer from Retained Monies Fund	1,500	(1,500)	0
Transfer of Fund Balances to Geauga County	(180)	(308,150)	(308,330)
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</b>	<u>1,320</u>	<u>(309,650)</u>	<u>(308,330)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(7)	(319,343)	(319,350)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>7</u>	<u>319,343</u>	<u>319,350</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

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

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

**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 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 Geauga 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 Geauga 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 made 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. 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.

**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.

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

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**C. Deposits and Investments**

The Library's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Library invested in Certificates of Deposits and Money Market Accounts.

**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.

**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.

**2. Closeout Transfer to County**

HB 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 will assume accounting responsibilities for these funds commencing in 2010. The Library transferred \$308,150 on December 29, 2009.

**3. Retirement Systems**

The Library's employees belong 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 2009, OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries and their employer (i.e. the Library or County) contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2009.

**4. 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

Geauga County Law Library Association  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Geauga County Law Library Association, Geauga County, Ohio (the Library) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated October 14, 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 that State Statute requires the Library to transfer its public funds to the County. The County will assume 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 statements, 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 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, Library Trustees and others within the Library. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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October 14, 2010



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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  
NOVEMBER 4, 2010**