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**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ROSS COUNTY**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Law Library Association
Ross County
28 North Paint Street
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Law Library Association, Ross County, Ohio, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000. 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 discussed in Note 1, the Library prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balances of the Law Library Association, Ross County, Ohio as of December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000, 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 Library has included activity associated with the Retained Monies Fund.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 30, 2002 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 grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, Board of Trustees and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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JIM PETRO
Auditor of State

September 30, 2002

**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ROSS COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	General Fund	Retained Monies Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Fine and Forfeitures	\$120,173	\$0	\$120,173
Interest	0	638	638
Miscellaneous Receipts	390	0	390
Total Cash Receipts	120,563	638	121,201
Cash Disbursements:			
Supplies and Materials	94,227	90	94,317
Salaries and Wages	25,769		25,769
Equipment	567	0	567
Total Cash Disbursements	120,563	90	120,653
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	0	548	548
Fund Cash Balances, January 1 - See Note 2 (if applicable)	0	10,771	10,771
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$0	\$11,319	\$11,319

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

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ROSS COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Retained Monies Fund</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:			
Fine and Forfeitures	\$140,759	\$0	\$140,759
Interest		895	895
Total Cash Receipts	140,759	895	141,654
Cash Disbursements:			
Supplies and Materials	115,534	108	115,642
Salaries and Wages	24,986	0	24,986
Equipment	693	0	693
Total Cash Disbursements	141,213	108	141,321
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(454)	787	333
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):			
Refunds from Vendors	454		454
Remittance to Retained Funds			0
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	454	0	454
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	0	787	787
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	0	9,984	9,984
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$0	\$10,771	\$10,771

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

**LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ROSS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Law Library Association, Ross County, Ohio (the Library) is directed by a board of five trustees who are elected tri-annually by members of the Ross County Bar Association. The Library provides free access for 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) Sections 3375.50 to .53, inclusive. The Library is permitted to expend funds under ORC Section 3375.54. The funds of the Library are expended on the purchase, lease or rental of 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.

The Ross County Commissioners are required by ORC Section 3375.49 to provide adequate facilities for the Library. The Board of County Commissioners is required to provide 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 Ross County fix the compensation of the librarian and up to two assistant librarians pursuant to ORC Section 3375.48. If the Library provides free access to all county officers and the judges of the several courts, the salary of the law librarian and up to two assistants should be paid from the county treasury. If the conditions above are not met, then the salary of the librarian and any assistants should be paid by the Library.

The Library's management believes these financial statements present all funds for which the Library is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are included in Fund Cash Balances. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000
(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 is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Retained Monies Fund

Retained Monies Fund consists of monies retained by the Library under Ohio Revised Code § 3375.56. At the end of each calendar year the Library is permitted under law to retain up to ten percent of their unencumbered balance. See Note 2 for additional information.

E. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of equipment are recorded as equipment disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements. Items purchased which are deemed to be equipment are computers, copiers, fax machines, and other items related toward facilitating the use of the equipment.

F. 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 basis of accounting described above. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

2. ACCOUNTING CHANGE

Prior to January 1, 2000, the retained monies fund was not disclosed by the Library. Effective January 1, 2000, the Library determined the amounts relating to their Retained Monies Fund by providing bank statements to support the balances.

3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Demand deposits	\$3,988	\$3,842
Certificates of deposit	7,331	6,929
Total deposits	<u>\$11,319</u>	<u>\$10,771</u>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000
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4. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;

The Library is uninsured for the following risks:

- Errors and omissions

5. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Library had unpaid invoices totaling approximately \$19,000 at December 31, 2001. These invoices were paid with ensuing fiscal year resources through March 2002. This liability is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

The City of Chillicothe owed approximately \$6,000 in fines and fees collected to the Library at December 31, 2001. This amount was remitted to the Library on February 6, 2002.

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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED
BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Law Library Association
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Law Library Association, Ross County, Ohio (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2002, wherein we noted the Library has included the retained monies fund for the first time. 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Library's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Library's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a 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 in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Library in a separate letter dated September 30, 2002.

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September 30, 2002



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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
DECEMBER 10, 2002**