

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Charles Keckler, Chair, LSC Operations and Regulations Committee; John Levi, LSC Board Chair; Jim Sandman, LSC President

**From:** Lonnie Powers, Chair, Legal Services Corporation Committee of the National Association of Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Programs

**Re:** Recommendations Regarding Legislative Implementation of Census Changes

**Date:** 9 September 2011

The National Association of IOLTA Programs (NAIP) consists of the Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Programs and other state funders of civil legal aid programs of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the United States commonwealths and territories.<sup>1</sup> We applaud the efforts of the Legal Services Corporation to ensure that it distributes funds for legal aid programs based on the poverty population as determined by the best available data.

From our perspective as grant makers to civil legal aid programs in our respective jurisdictions, fairness and quality are enhanced when funders make grant decisions that reflect changes in target service populations by using sound and meaningful data.

NAIP has reviewed the comments submitted by the National Legal Aid and Defender Association to LSC on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2011. We find that those comments express our views on the LSC proposal and request that LSC adopt the recommendations contained in the NLADA memorandum.

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<sup>1</sup> The IOLTA Programs of many of the Canadian Provinces are also members of NAIP.