

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing and Thanking

Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur's Litigation Team of

Daniel F. Gourash

&

## Natalie Peterson

For Their Outstanding and Valuable Pro Bono Representation

[Resolution #2000-006]

WHEREAS, Daniel F. Gourash, on behalf of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, agreed to provide *pro bono* representation to the Legal Services Corporation ("LSC") in its defense of an action brought by the Ashtabula County Legal Aid Corporation ("ACLAC") challenging LSC's policy of not subdividing service areas during LSC's grants competition process;

WHEREAS, Mr. Gourash, was joined by the extraordinarily talented Natalie Peterson and, in the best tradition of *pro bono* service, they gave unstintingly of their time and talent in the defense of LSC's authority to manage the competitive bidding process and determine the appropriate size of service areas, which enables LSC to fulfill its mandate to insure that grants and contracts are made so as to provide the most economical and effective delivery of legal assistance to persons in need;

WHEREAS, Mr. Gourash and Ms. Peterson worked seamlessly with LSC management and the LSC General Counsel's office in crafting and executing a successful litigation strategy that has minimized the burden of this case on LSC while putting forward a winning case to the court; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Mr. Gourash and Ms. Peterson have assisted LSC in advancing its national state planning efforts to improve the delivery of legal services for the poor through the coordination and consolidation of programs serving adjoining service areas, and have helped bring about the merger of ACLAC with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland so as to greatly improve the delivery of legal services in Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation recognizes the outstanding representation provided by Mr. Gourash and Ms. Peterson and expresses its profound appreciation and gratitude for their extraordinarily valuable *pro bono* litigation efforts on behalf of the national legal services program.

Adopted by the Board of Directors On August 1, 2000

Douglas S. Eakeley, Chair

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