

## RESOLUTION OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING BUDGET PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, despite LSC's request for and ongoing efforts to secure an increase in federal funding for legal services in FY 1996, there has been a rescission of \$15 million in the FY 1995 appropriation and there is a strong likelihood of a further reduction in FY 1996 funding; and

WHEREAS, the prospect of reduced funding and other proposed changes have caused the Board to revisit its budget priorities as reflected in the multiple line items of its current appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the Board would continue to devote most of its available funds to the direct representation of poor people in civil cases at the state and local level, including those in special populations such as Native Americans and migrants, and would assign to this delivery line those functions which are essential to the effectiveness of direct service to clients such as training of staff in practice, procedures and substantive issues and in the utilization of private bar; and

WHEREAS, the Board would next allocate an appropriate amount to a category embracing funds for the provision at the national level of assistance to programs in such areas as technology; clearinghouse services; fundraising; and information, expert assistance and training in areas such as veterans issues, Native American issues and others where legal services line attorneys lack necessary expertise; and

WHEREAS, the Board would under all circumstances provide the necessary funds for the management and administration of LSC to administer its grants and contracts and to ensure accountability of grantee programs and funds and LSC.

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**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Board of the Corporation instruct its staff to prepare revised budget presentations which reflect the funding as categorized above, and which emphasize direct delivery of civil legal services to eligible clients and necessary assistance to programs in providing such legal services and assures accountability.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on

June 25, 1995

Douglas S. Eakeley, Chair

**Board of Directors** 

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Corporate Secretary

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