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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to share with you the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation's 2008 Annual Report.

It has been an extraordinary year with decreased revenues due to the financial crisis facing our county and world combined with the increased demands placed on Ohio's legal aid delivery system to respond to the foreclosure and related legal problems facing so many poor Ohioans.

I am extremely proud of the work by the Foundation's board and staff in partnership with Ohio's legal aid societies, bar associations, and courts in responding to these demands.

We have highlighted in this year's Annual Report the unique and important role the Foundation has played in funding and supporting the delivery of legal services to individuals and families affected by the foreclosure crisis as an example of the impact the Foundation has on the entire delivery system.

Please consider supporting the Foundation's Denis Murphy Fellows program as a specific way you can help us ensure that the best and brightest attorneys are working in the delivery system to advance equal justice to all in Ohio.

Sincerely,



Julie A. Davis

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