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Wiggin and Dana LLP Partner Named Chair of Connecticut Legal Services' Board of Directors

Wiggin and Dana LLP's Aaron S. Bayer has been named chair of the board of directors of Connecticut Legal Services (CLS), a private, non profit civil law firm dedicated to providing access to justice for low income families.

Bayer, a Hartford-based partner and chair of Wiggin and Dana's national appellate practice will serve a two-year term as chair of the CLS board. He has served on the CLS board for the past four years and previously served as its vice-chair. He succeeds Mitchell Pearlman in his role upon the expiration of his regular term. Bayer accepted the position during CLS' 30th anniversary event, held October 4, 2007 at the Elks Lodge in Middletown, CT.

"I'm honored to accept the chairmanship," says Bayer. "CLS plays an important role in legal issues involving the basic life needs of a broad cross section of Connecticut's low-income families. As lawyers, we have an obligation to ensure access to justice for everyone, including those who lack financial resources and are most in need of quality legal counsel," he says.

Connecticut Legal Services, Inc. ("CLS") celebrates 30 years of dedicated service to low-income Connecticut residents with urgent life needs. CLS was founded in 1977 as a result of a merger of six legal services agencies. CLS serves 122 communities throughout the state not including areas of Hartford and New Haven counties containing 146,000 poor and 208,000 near poor people who are financially eligible for its services. Since its inception, CLS has provided high-quality legal assistance to more than 150,000 clients, and it continues to open an average of 5,000 cases each year.

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