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Dear Member of the Delaware Bar:

Most of the Foundation's non-IOLTA funding comes from this solicitation which annually accompanies the DSBA's dues statement. While contributions are voluntary, every year a large percentage of Delaware lawyers elect to be dues-paying contributors. This year, membership in the Foundation will entitle you to attend its annual meeting at a discounted fee. The details for this special event will follow.

In past years, non-IOLTA funds were used to support a number of worthy programs in Delaware, including the Delaware Law-Related Education Center. With the recent economic downturn, the Foundation lacks the ability to support these endeavors and, at the same time, cover the expenses of operation.

The IOLTA program, developed by the Delaware Supreme Court in 1983 and operated by the Delaware Bar Foundation, is indebted to those lawyers who have participated in it over the years. Through the program, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.(CLASI), Delaware Volunteer Legal Services (DVLS) and Legal Services Corporation of Delaware (LSCD) have been the recipients of grants in excess of \$17 million dollars since 1983 for the purpose of providing legal services to the indigent. While \$1.7 million in grants was awarded in FY2008, just \$800,000 will be awarded by the end of FY2009. Unfortunately, FY2010 appears even bleaker with a greater reduction in grants to be expected.

At this critical juncture, the Foundation needs the assistance of all Delaware lawyers more than ever before. While the Foundation continues to explore other funding, we call on the great tradition of the Delaware Bar to help us further our mission. The Foundation asks that you consider a contribution in excess of the annual dues of \$50. At the same time, I ask that you consider becoming a Foundation Fellow by contributing \$1000 to its Endowment Fund, payable over two years. We know that you will heed our call and respond to this crisis as Delaware lawyers always have in the past.

Sincerely,

Harvey Bernard Rubenstein
President

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