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Indiana Legal Services to Celebrate its 40th Anniversary; Morris Dees is Featured Speaker

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To commemorate the 40th anniversary of its incorporation, Indiana Legal Services, Inc. (ILS) will conduct a celebratory dinner event on Saturday, October 21, 2006 at the Westin Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. Morris Dees, the renowned chief counsel of the Southern Poverty Law Center, will be the event’s featured speaker.

The honorary co-chairs for ILS’ 40th Anniversary Celebration include Governor Mitch Daniels, Senator Evan Bayh and Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson. WRTV’s news anchor Martha Weaver will serve as the evening’s emcee.

The 40th Anniversary Celebration will include a dinner, beginning at 7:30 p.m.; a special reception with Morris Dees will precede the dinner at 6:15 p.m. The cost for each “black-tie optional” event is \$125 per person.

Incorporated in 1966, the organization has had to adapt to changes in funding and in regulations. Indiana Legal Services is the new name of the organization created by the merger and reorganization of three Legal Services Corporation (LSC) funded programs in Indiana: Legal Services of Northwest Indiana, Inc., Legal Services Program of Northern Indiana, Inc., and Legal Services Organization of Indiana, Inc. (LSOI). Today, ILS is the only state-wide organization providing *free* legal counsel on civil legal matters to low income persons, seniors and victims of domestic violence.

“We are very delighted to have such a courageous litigator as Morris Dees be our featured speaker,” said Bill Enslin, the Hammond attorney who serves as the President of ILS’ 51-member Board of Directors. “I know of no other attorney in America who has his remarkable record in the court room fighting against groups that seek to promote social division and hatred.”

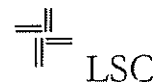
The son of Alabama farmers, Mr. Dees has won major judgments against the Ku Klux Klan and the Aryan Nations. He now is also noted for promoting tolerance through the Teaching Tolerance Project

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“The 40th Anniversary Celebration will help focus attention on the organization’s many legal accomplishments and honor its many attorneys whose work has had a huge impact on their communities. It will also serve to underscore the continuing, and in many areas, the increasing legal needs of low-income persons in Indiana,” added Norman Metzger, ILS’ Executive Director.

ILS maintains regional branch offices in Bloomington, East Chicago, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Gary, Hammond, Indianapolis, Lafayette, New Albany, and South Bend; it has satellite offices in Columbus and Yorktown. To better serve clients who have unique poverty law needs, ILS operates special legal projects such as the Senior Law Project, the Consumer Law Center, the Hispanic Law Center, the Housing Law Center, and the Migrant Farmworker Project. Its website, www.indianajustice.org, is widely praised for the content of its legal information, *pro se* legal forms, and its referrals to *pro bono* attorneys and social service providers.

For reservations, please contact the ILS website, www.indianajustice.org. For additional information, please contact The Moreland Group, 253-3400.