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Subject: **WITHDRAWN - FOIA 2009-13 (LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION)**
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Dear Mr. Malamud

Thank you for your request for records of the Legal Services Corporation ("LSC" or "Corporation"), submitted pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). Your letter was received on May 27, 2009 and requested records related to PACER, Thomson WestLaw and ReedElsiveir LexisNexis services.

As we discussed this afternoon by telephone, LSC is a private nonprofit entity - a 501(c)(3) - that is Federally funded. Despite its Federal funding, LSC is not a government entity and is subject to the FOI Act by statute.

As I mentioned during our conversation, the Corporation is a funding and oversight organization. It distributes money to other 501(c)(3) entities that provide free civil legal services to financially eligible clients; LSC is not a direct provider of legal services. LSC's Office of Legal Affairs employs three (3) attorneys. While there are other attorneys employed by the Corporation's other offices, they are utilized in the compliance oversight function of our work.

The majority of the Corporation's annual appropriation is distributed as grants to legal services providers. The combined budget for management and administration is approximately \$13 million; approximately one million of that amount is disbursed as grants to LSC grantees through a loan repayment assistance program as a means of recruiting young attorneys. LSC currently has a management and administration staff of approximately 85 employees. Our expenditure on the services of interest to you are nominal, particularly when compared to a large government entity.

Based on your receipt of this information regarding the nature of LSC and its business, you indicated that you wished to withdraw your FOIA request. This note confirms that your request is reflected as withdrawn on the Corporation's records.

Should it become necessary for you to follow up with me regarding this request, please use **FOIA reference number 2009-13** when doing so.

Thank you for your interest in the Legal Services Corporation.

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