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**LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MISSOURI RECEIVES \$50,000
FROM THOMPSON COBURN TO EXTEND WILLIAM GUERRI CHAIR**

ST. LOUIS – Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) has received a one-year, \$50,000 donation from Thompson Coburn, LLP to extend the William G. Guerri Chair staff attorney position as part of LSEM’s Children’s Legal Alliance.

When developed in 2005 through a \$120,000 donation by Thompson Coburn, the William Guerri Chair position represented the first time a St. Louis-based law firm had fully funded the creation of a specific position at LSEM. The position is named in honor of William G. Guerri, partner and former managing partner at Thompson Coburn.

The LSEM Children’s Legal Alliance provides quality, child-centered legal and social support for disabled children who need assistance with educational issues. Cases include assistance with suspensions, expulsions, and appropriate educational placement for children.

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri is an independent, non-profit organization that has provided high quality legal assistance in civil cases to the low-income community for more than 50 years. In 2009 LSEM represented over 6,100 clients in 21 counties.

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