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To the Board of Directors of  
The Children's Law Center, Inc. & Subsidiary

We have audited the financial statements of **The Children's Law Center, Inc. & Subsidiary** for the year ended December 31, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and the State Single Audit Act, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated November 29, 2016. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

#### **Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by **The Children's Law Center, Inc. & Subsidiary** are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2016. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements are:

- 1) Management's estimate of Court Fees Grant-in-Aid revenue and related receivable from the CT Bar Foundation is based on past collection experience and estimated realization based on discussion with the CT Bar Foundation. The revenue for the year ended December 31, 2016 is \$172,333 and the related receivable balance at December 31, 2016 is \$157,645. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate of Court Fees Grant-in-Aid receivable at December 31, 2016 and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- 2) Management's estimate of the useful lives of fixed assets and related depreciation expense which is based on economic or service lives of the assets under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the useful lives of fixed assets and related depreciation expense in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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- 3) Management's estimate of functional expenses is based on management's internal determination of costs assigned to the program, fundraising, and management and general categories of expenses. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the functional expense allocation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### **Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### **Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements**

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### **Management Representations**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated March 28, 2017.

#### **Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### **Other Audit Findings or Issues**

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

**Other Matters**

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of **The Children's Law Center, Inc. & Subsidiary** and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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