

December 14, 2016

Dear Detroit Legal News Company Shareholder,

Best wishes for a wonderful and safe holiday season. Our company divisions had very different results this year. Inland Press benefited from the election year and did well. The Detroit Legal News Publishing (DLNP) division suffered from greatly reduced notice volumes.

As I have mentioned in my previous communications this year, management has continued to analyze the reduction of notice volumes and the resulting goodwill impairment issue. We now have enough data to make the determination that the entire \$5.5 million dollars of goodwill on the Detroit Legal News Publishing balance sheet is impaired. This will cause a one-time charge of the \$5.5 million to DLNP expenses. While this is a charge against earnings, it is a non-cash entry and it does not impact our cash position. Let me remind you that 55% of the \$5.5 million is DLN Company's. Once again, I think it is very important to indicate that in no way was the investment in these newspapers a poor decision. On the contrary, these newspapers have generated many times that amount for us in pre-tax profit over the last fifteen years or so. On a positive note, by having this goodwill eliminated off the balance sheet, management will not have to constantly analyze the goodwill for impairment. It has been a rather complicated task.

The Board of Directors declared a fourth quarter dividend of \$2.00 per share to shareholders of record as of January 10, 2017, payable on January 20, 2017. Additionally, because of the Company's strong cash position, the Board declared a special dividend of \$45.00 per share with the same record and payment dates. We wanted to make you all aware of goodwill impairment issues and dividends as soon as possible. Your dividend checks will be mailed on January 19, 2017.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Bradley L. Thompson II
Chairman

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