October 19, 2017

Dear Detroit Legal News Company Shareholder,

It finally looks like our Indian summer is coming to an end. It has certainly been a pleasant surprise. While disappointed by the continued reduction of newspaper notices and negative earnings impact, we've also been pleasantly surprised by a couple of unexpected business factors. We've seen a nice increase this year in the volume of notices from the City of Detroit and Inland Press had a very busy September producing health insurance renewal material. These factors helped soften the impact of the decreasing foreclosure notices.

The Board of Directors declared a third quarter dividend of \$2.00 per share to shareholders of record as of October 10, 2017, payable on October 20, 2017. Your check is enclosed.

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

Bradley L. Thompson II Chairman

## SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA THIRD QUARTER, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
SALES	12,681,755	15,550,044
COST OF SALES	7,722,448	9,298,885
GROSS PROFIT	4,959,307	6,251,159
SELLING G AND A	4,146,905	5,126,364
OPERATING PROFIT	812,402	1,124,795
OTHER INCOME	225,225	127,909
INCOME BEFORE TAX	1,037,627	1,252,704
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	217,000	330,000
NET INCOME	820,627	922,704
NONCONTROLLING INTEREST	(465,601)	(386,724)
NET INCOME DLN	<u>355,026</u>	535,980
EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$9.40	\$14.20

NOTE: The summary above is not a complete income statement. The summary above is unaudited and subject to adjustment. Unaudited financial statements are not subject to testing by independent certified public accountants and do not include the notes that are part of audited financial statements.

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