

## HR 3764

Civil Access to Justice Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Law

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 718	Related bill	Apr 1, 2009: Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Civil Access to Justice Act of 2009 - Amends the Legal Services Corporation Act to reauthorize the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) at increased levels for FY2010-FY2015.

Requires the LSC Board of Directors to include at least one individual with financial or audit experience.

Eliminates state advisory councils.

Increases the maximum pay level for LSC officers and employees.

Requires the LSC to establish: (1) a protocol for the receipt of donations; (2) an audit committee, a finance committee, and a governance and performance review committee; (3) a continuity of operations plan; and (4) an adequate internal control structure and procedures for financial reporting.

Requires the LSC to promote recruitment and retention of highly qualified staff members for all grantees, contractees, or recipients of financial assistance through the Pilot Loan Repayment Assistance Program or other appropriate programs.

Limits the coverage of prohibited purpose provisions of federal law only to recipient use of funds from the LSC itself. (Thus lifts such restrictions, except those related to abortion litigation, on the use of state and local funds and private donations.)

Revises eligibility requirements for LSC grantees and funds recipients, extending specific eligibility to those seeking assistance with matters relating to home foreclosure or mortgage default or delinquency.

Requires distribution of LSC funds on the basis of a system of competitive bidding, as well as specific allocations for all geographic areas, Native American communities, and migrant and seasonal farm workers.

Prohibits the use of LSC funds to provide legal assistance with respect to: (1) litigation relating to prison conditions; (2) the defense of an individual in a proceeding to evict him or her from a public housing project in connection with a drug offense; or (3) all but certain aliens.

Authorizes the LSC to allow use of a portion of the funds provided under the grant or contract to acquire and develop information technology to promote full access to high-quality, efficient legal representation and materials for self-representation.

Directs the LSC to require an audit of each recipient in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 27, 2010:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Oct 19, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law.
- **Oct 8, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 8, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2495)
- **Oct 8, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.