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## LSC News

### Legal Aid Veterans to Advise Obama Team on LSC

Former LSC board member LaVeeda Morgan Battle and national legal aid leader Alan W. Houseman have been selected to advise President-elect Barack Obama's transition team on issues relating to the Legal Services Corporation.

Battle, who served on LSC's board from 1995 to 2004, says she was approached months ago to provide information on LSC, according to a Nov. 12 article in Alabama's *Birmingham News*. "I am certain that this, as well as all issues the administration is going to have to address, will be carefully considered," said Battle, who is currently the principal attorney of the Battle Law Firm in Birmingham. She is a former administrative law judge for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and a former chair of the American Bar Association's Council on Racial and Ethnic Justice.

Houseman, who served as a senior member of LSC's staff from 1976 to 1981, is the executive director of the Center for Law and Social Policy, an advocacy group whose mission includes securing equal justice for all. He has a long history of involvement in poverty law advocacy and the delivery of legal services to the poor. In 1968 he was a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow with Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services in Michigan. In 1969 he founded the statewide Michigan Legal Services. Since then he has written extensively on legal aid and poverty law issues, and is considered a national expert on the subject.

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**LaVeeda Morgan Battle and Alan W. Houseman.**

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### LSC President Keynotes Orange County Legal Aid's 50th Anniversary

#### LSC's Technology Initiative Grants Program Awarded

LSC President Helaine M. Barnett delivered the keynote address at the Legal Aid Society of Orange County's 50th Anniversary celebration in Anaheim, Calif., on Nov. 6. LSC board member Tom Fuentes attended the event as an honored guest.