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Dear Ms. Weir:

This is a response to your March 11, 1998 letter requesting an opinion on whether Legal
Aid and Defender Association of Detroit (LADA) is eligible to apply for an award for financial
assistance from the Legal Services Corporation (LSC or Corporation) even though LADA
provides representation to individuals in criminal matters pursuant to appointments by federal,
state or local courts. Your letter stated that LADA is a 501(c)(3) Michigan Corporation
established to provide legal services to the indigent and elderly and that LADA receives funding

Section 1610.6 of 45 CFR Part 1610 also provides exceptions for public defender programs and criminal cases accepted pursuant to court appointment from the restriction on