

Western Asset High Income Fund Inc. (“HIF”) Sets New Rate and Announces Distributions for the Months of June, July and August 2009

New York – Business Wire – May 26, 2009 – Western Asset High Income Fund Inc., which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “HIF”, announced today monthly distributions of \$0.0750 per common share for June, July and August 2009. The Fund had previously paid a monthly distribution rate of \$0.0700 per share.

The distribution schedule appears below:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Ex-Date</u>	<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payable Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>
June	06/17/2009	06/19/2009	06/26/2009	\$0.0750	Income
July	07/22/2009	07/24/2009	07/31/2009	\$0.0750	Income
August	08/19/2009	08/21/2009	08/28/2009	\$0.0750	Income

In declaring the new rate, the Fund cited an increase in net investment income generated by its investment portfolio as a result of higher reinvestment rates on the types of securities in which it invests.

This press release is not for tax reporting purposes but is being provided to announce the amount of the Fund's distributions that have been declared by the Board of Directors. In early 2010 after definitive information is available, the Fund will send shareholders a Form 1099-DIV, if applicable, specifying how the distributions paid by the Fund during the prior calendar year should be characterized for purposes of reporting the distributions on a shareholder's tax return (e.g., ordinary income, long-term capital gain or return of capital).

Western Asset High Income Fund Inc., a diversified, closed-end management investment company, is managed by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Legg Mason, Inc., and is sub-advised by Western Asset Management Company, an affiliate of the investment manager.

Contact the Fund at 1-888-777-0102 for additional information, or consult the Fund's web site at www.leggmason.com/cef.

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