

Western Asset High Income Fund Inc. (“HIF”) Announces Distributions for the Months of December 2009, January and February 2010

New York – (Business Wire) – November 16, 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 December 2009 and January and February 2010.

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> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| December | 12/16/2009 | 12/18/2009 | 12/28/2009 | \$0.0750 | Income |
| January | 01/20/2010 | 01/22/2010 | 01/29/2010 | \$0.0750 | Income |
| February | 02/17/2010 | 02/19/2010 | 02/26/2010 | \$0.0750 | Income |

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 and early 2011, 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 respective 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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