

**Western Asset Mortgage Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.
Declares Initial Distribution for May 2010
And Monthly Distributions for June, July & August 2010**

NEW YORK— (Business Wire) – April 23, 2010 – Western Asset Mortgage Defined Opportunity Fund Inc., which is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “DMO”, declared today its initial distribution of \$0.1400 per common share payable May 21, 2010. Based on the Fund’s offering price of \$20.00 per share, this equates to an annualized distribution rate of 8.40%.

The Fund also declared today a monthly distribution of \$0.1400 per common share for June, July and August 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>
May	5/12/2010	5/14/2010	5/21/2010	\$0.1400	Income
June	6/16/2010	6/18/2010	6/25/2010	\$0.1400	Income
July	7/21/2010	7/23/2010	7/30/2010	\$0.1400	Income
August	8/18/2010	8/20/2010	8/27/2010	\$0.1400	Income

These distributions are the first declared by the Fund following its successful initial public offering that raised approximately \$206 million in assets based on the public offering price of its shares, including \$16.9 million from the exercise of 845,307 shares of the underwriters’ overallotment option.

The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide current income and it has a secondary investment objective of capital appreciation. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing primarily in a diverse portfolio of mortgage-backed securities, consisting primarily of non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities and commercial mortgage-backed securities directly and indirectly through a separate investment in a public-private investment fund formed in connection with the Public-Private Investment Program established by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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 2011, after definitive information is available, the Fund will send stockholders 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 stockholder’s tax return (e.g., ordinary income, long-term capital gain or return of capital).

Western Asset Mortgage Defined Opportunity Fund Inc. is a non-diversified, limited term, closed-end management investment company which is advised by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC (“LMPFA”) and subadvised by Western Asset Management Company (“Western Asset”). LMPFA and Western Asset are

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For more information, please contact the Fund at 1-888-777-0102 or visit the Fund's web site at www.leggmason.com/cef.

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