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BiblioGov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 22 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in. GAO reviewed the Legal Services of North Carolina, Inc. (LSNC) and one of its subgrantees, Eastern Carolina Legal Services, Inc. (ECLS) to determine: (1) whether the services favored class-action litigation; (2) the reasonableness of the subgrantees costs; (3) the reasonableness of the purchase and renovation of an office building; (4) the costs of operating LSNC as a central intermediary for 15 legal services; (5) the legality of the use of Federal funds to support lobbying activities; and (6) other miscellaneous issues. GAO found that neither LSNC nor its subgrantees had placed primary emphasis on pursuing class-action litigation. Class-action cases were given low priority, because such cases require more staff resources than could be spared. For the first 9 months of 1981, ECLS had an average cost per accepted case of about 530, compared to an average of about 291 for other LSNC subgrantees. This was attributed to the fact that ECLS was a relatively new subgrantee which had incurred startup costs and had not yet generated a steady demand for its services. The fact that its clientele was from a generally...



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