

Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.  
Form N-8A  
July 23, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-8A**

**NOTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(a)**  
**OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940**

The undersigned investment company hereby notifies the Securities and Exchange Commission that it registers under and pursuant to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and in connection with such notification of registration submits the following information:

Name: **Western Asset High Yield Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.**

Address of Principal Business Office (No. & Street, City, State, Zip Code): 55 Water Street, New York, NY, 10041

Telephone Number (including area code): (888) 777-0102

Name and address of agent for service of process: R. Jay Gerken, Legg Mason & Co., LLC, 620 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 49<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY, 10018

Check Appropriate Box:

Registrant is filing a Registration Statement pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 concurrently with the filing of Form N-8A: YES  NO

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has caused this notification of registration to be duly signed on its behalf in the City of New York and the State of New York on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2010.

WESTERN ASSET HIGH YIELD DEFINED  
OPPORTUNITY FUND INC.

By: */s/ R. Jay Gerken*  
**R. Jay Gerken**  
**Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President**

Attest: */s/ William Renahan*  
**William Renahan**  
**Assistant Secretary**