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Maryland Legal Aid Appoints Chief for Anne Arundel County Office

BALTIMORE, Md., (November 20, 2020) - Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Joycelyn "Joy" Stinson to be the new chief attorney for MLA's Anne Arundel County office.

Joy comes to MLA from the Maryland Center for Legal Assistance (MCLA), MLA's wholly owned subsidiary, where she was a supervising attorney. She brings to MLA more than 10 years of experience as an attorney including the private practice of law, focusing on family, consumer, and criminal law, and as a volunteer and panel attorney with the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. Current Acting Chief Danielle Chappell will serve as Supervising Attorney for MLA's Anne Arundel County office.



Joycelyn "Joy" Stinson

A resident of Anne Arundel County, Joy is a graduate of the Florida Coastal School of Law, where she received a *Pro Bono Honors Certificate*. She has an MBA from Webster University and a B.S. in Accounting from Bellhaven College.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Joy worked in accounting in Memphis, Tennessee, where she was a grants accountant with the Memphis City Schools, an accountant with the University of Memphis, and an accountant with the Ericson Group, a full-service marketing, entertainment and consulting firm.

MLA's Chief Counsel Stu Simms shared, "MLA is fortunate to have Joy as the new chief attorney of MLA's Anne Arundel County office. She brings to the position a varied professional background as well as a strong commitment to serving low-income clients and communities. With Joy and Danielle at the helm, along with the existing team in the office, the low-income and underserved residents of Anne Arundel County can be assured that they will receive the highest level of legal services."

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About Maryland Legal Aid

Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free, civil legal services to people who are in Baltimore City and Maryland's 23 counties from 12 offices. The firm handles cases involving a wide range of issues, including family, housing, government benefits, healthcare, education, employment, and consumer law. MLA also represents children in CINA (Child in Need of Assistance) proceedings in 14 jurisdictions. Other vulnerable populations, such as homeowners facing foreclosure, migrant and seasonal farm workers, people with developmental and mental health disabilities, nursing home and assisted living residents, and

veterans seeking benefits and assistance with related legal issues also receive representation through special projects. MLA's Community Lawyering Initiative, which includes its *Lawyer in the Library* program, assists with expunging criminal records to remove barriers to obtaining housing, employment, and child custody through clinics held in libraries, community centers, non-profit organizations, places of worship, schools, medical facilities, and other gathering places.

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