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**Attorney Douglas Bregman joins Maryland Legal Aid's Board of Directors**

**BALTIMORE, MD., March 9, 2022** – Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Montgomery County attorney Douglas Bregman to MLA's Board of Directors. Appointed by the Maryland State Bar Association, Bregman comes to MLA from Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC where he is currently a partner. Bregman has been in practice for over forty years, focusing on real estate and business transactions; mediation and arbitration; civil litigation; and receiverships, trusts and estates. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center and at Columbia Law School.

MLA Board President Warren S. Oliveri, Jr., Esq. noted "Douglas is an outstanding lawyer, who has maintained a general civil practice for more than 35 years. He has worked hand-in-hand with Maryland Legal Aid in the pursuit of equal justice on behalf of low-income Marylanders for many years. MLA is very fortunate to have Douglas joining its Board of Directors."

Bregman is nationally recognized in the real estate field and is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL). In 2017 the Maryland State Bar Association awarded Bregman its Distinguished Maryland Real Property Practitioner Award. From starting a business to buying or selling it, Mr. Bregman has represented and advised owners, shareholders, board members and investors in enterprises of all sizes and types, including professional practices and companies with significant intellectual property concerns. Beyond legal engagement, he has served as a member of the Board of Directors of several publicly owned companies.

Bregman has been the mediator for hundreds of business and real estate disputes. He has taught mediation skills both in the United States and internationally, and was chosen to act as an arbitrator and receiver in many cases, ranging from partnership disputes to construction claims. He was inducted into the Maryland Chapter of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

Bregman's litigation practice includes the defense and prosecution of commercial real estate disputes, landlord and tenant lawsuits, contract disputes, complex litigation, construction disputes, professional malpractice litigation, personal injury lawsuits, and general civil litigation. He has also argued many cases on appeal. In recognition of his accomplishments in the litigation field, he was named a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

Bregman's current and former affiliations include the Maryland State Bar Association; District of Columbia Bar Association; and the Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland. He has served on a number of boards including the Client Protection Fund of the Bar of Maryland;

Maryland Legal Services Corporation; Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission; American Bar Association; Montgomery County Bar Foundation; the Bar Association of Montgomery County; Dart Group; Crown Books; Trak Auto; Shoppers Food Warehouse; American Bank; Holy Cross Hospital Foundation; Board of Governors of Maryland State Bar Association; and Homeless Persons Representation Project. Bregman received his bachelor's degree from Colgate University and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Since 1998, Bregman has been a Professor of Negotiation and Mediation Skills at the Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution (IIMCR), and since 1993, has been an Author and Lecturer for the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Law Conference. He has testified as an expert witness in lawsuits in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Bregman is admitted to practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

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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, employment, and consumer law. MLA also represents children in CINA (Child in Need of Assistance) proceedings in 16 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, healthcare facilities, and other communal places.