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Maryland Legal Aid establishes Maryland Center for Legal Assistance as subsidiary

BALTIMORE, Md., (July XX, 2017) – Maryland Legal Aid announces the creation of a wholly-owned subsidiary, the Maryland Center for Legal Assistance (MCLA). Through a contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts, MCLA will operate the District Court Self-Help Resource Centers in Baltimore City, Glen Burnie, Upper Marlboro, Salisbury and the Maryland Courts Self-Help Center in Annapolis. While operation of the Self-Help Centers is the first MCLA activity, the work of MCLA may be expanded to include other legal services for low-income Marylanders.

The Self-Help Centers deal with a wide range of civil legal matters, including landlord-tenant, consumer matters such as debt collection and credit card cases, child support, and criminal record expungement to remove barriers to obtaining housing, employment, a license, and child custody. In 2016, more than 55,000 self-represented litigants were assisted through the Self-Help Centers.

MCLA Managing Director Sarah Coffey Frush said, “The new Maryland Center for Legal Assistance will serve as another dependable resource for Marylanders to receive high-quality legal help and to gain the knowledge and tools necessary to represent themselves in court.”

MCLA is a separate legal entity which does not receive funding from the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) and operates in compliance with the program integrity regulations established by LSC (45 C.F.R. § 1610.8).

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