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Maryland Legal Aid Names Kimberly Neal as Director of Pro Bono

Baltimore, MD – Maryland Legal Aid has named Kimberly H. Neal as its new Director of Pro Bono, a senior leadership role focused on expanding pro bono engagement across the organization’s statewide advocacy, litigation, and community-based legal services work.

Neal brings nearly two decades of legal, nonprofit, public service, private practice, and bar leadership experience to Maryland Legal Aid. Most recently, she served as General Counsel for Harford County Public Schools, where she led the school system’s legal office, advised senior leadership on legal and policy matters, supported governance and compliance efforts, reviewed legislation affecting the school system, and worked with education and government stakeholders.

Previously, Neal served as Chief Legal Officer for The Children’s Guild, Inc., a nonprofit providing educational and psychological services to children and families in Maryland and the District of Columbia. As primary legal counsel and a member of the Senior Leadership Team for an organization with approximately 500 employees, she supported legal strategy, organizational governance, strategic planning, and mission-driven services for children and families. She also served as President of TranZed Apprenticeship Ventures, where she worked with government and education partners to help establish the first registered non-traditional apprenticeship in Maryland and one of the first of its kind in the United States.

Earlier in her career, Neal practiced business litigation, employment law, and insurance defense in the Baltimore area, appearing in Maryland, District of Columbia, federal, and administrative forums. She has also held significant leadership roles in Maryland’s legal community, including serving as President of the Association of Corporate Counsel’s

Baltimore Chapter, Vice President of the Maryland Council of Local School Attorneys, and Board Member of Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service.

As Director of Pro Bono, Neal will serve as Maryland Legal Aid's primary pro bono ambassador to law firms, corporate legal departments, bar associations, and volunteer attorneys. She will lead long-range strategy for pro bono engagement and help ensure that volunteer legal service is intentionally integrated into Maryland Legal Aid's work in ways that complement staff representation and expand access to justice for Marylanders experiencing poverty.

“Maryland Legal Aid's mission of achieving equity and social justice for all Marylanders is more important than ever,” said Kimberly Neal, Director of Pro Bono at Maryland Legal Aid. **“As Director of Pro Bono, I look forward to implementing sound organizational policies and fostering strong pro bono partnerships to benefit the communities we serve as well as the legal profession. I'm excited to begin this meaningful work with the incredible, committed team at MLA.”**

Neal earned her J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law and her B.A. degrees in English and Political Science, summa cum laude, from Mississippi State University. She is admitted to practice in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

For more information or to arrange interviews, please contact Nicholle Granger at ngranger@mdlaborg.

About Maryland Legal Aid

Established in 1911, Maryland Legal Aid is a statewide nonprofit 501(c)(3) law firm that advocates with and for Marylanders experiencing poverty to achieve equity and social justice through free civil legal services, community collaboration, and systemic change. From its 11 offices across the state and through its many community-based clinics, Maryland Legal Aid helps clients preserve and access safe and affordable housing; maintain custody of their children and be safe from domestic violence; and increase their economic security by defending against consumer debt, including foreclosures and tax sales, removing barriers to employment, and accessing critical income supports such as

Medicaid, SNAP, unemployment, and other vital public benefits. In its advocacy, Maryland Legal Aid seeks to change systems that perpetuate poverty and inequity.