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Maryland Legal Aid Names Sally Dworak-Fisher Chief Attorney for Workers' Rights

Baltimore, MD – Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) has named Sally Dworak-Fisher as Chief Attorney of its Workers' Rights Unit, where she will focus on expanding high-quality legal representation for low-wage workers and addressing employment-related barriers that undermine economic security.

Maryland Legal Aid's Workers' Rights Unit builds on the organization's longstanding advocacy around barriers to employment and focuses on issues workers face once hired. More specifically, the Unit expands MLA's capacity to ensure workers are fully and properly paid all earned wages, that they are not denied bedrock employment rights and protections as a result of being misclassified as independent contractors, and that they work in safe and healthy conditions. Broadly speaking, the Unit focuses on ensuring compliance with laws that protect workers' ability to earn, maintain stability, and support their families.

Dworak-Fisher brings more than 20 years of litigation, policy, and advocacy experience to Maryland Legal Aid. Her career has focused on advancing workers' rights, combating employer misconduct, and using legal advocacy to build power for workers and communities. She most recently served as Senior Staff Attorney at the National Employment Law Project, where she worked on federal policy and advocacy efforts related to contracted, temporary, and gig workers, misclassification, workplace surveillance, algorithmic management, and employer accountability.

Before joining the National Employment Law Project, Dworak-Fisher spent two decades at the Public Justice Center in Baltimore, including more than a decade as Lead Attorney of

its Workplace Justice Project. In that role, she litigated class and collective actions in Maryland state and federal courts to enforce wage laws, advanced law reform through appellate advocacy, represented workers in unfair labor practice and occupational safety matters, and supported policy campaigns, including advocacy around paid sick leave that provided new protections to hundreds of thousands of Maryland workers.

“We are thrilled to have Sally Dworak-Fisher join Maryland Legal Aid to lead the continuing development of our practice to vindicate the rights of low-wage workers,” said Vicki Schultz, Executive Director of Maryland Legal Aid. **“With Sally’s leadership, we plan to expand outreach and referral partnerships and identify systemic issues affecting low-wage workers across Maryland.”**

“I’m excited to join Maryland Legal Aid’s dedicated staff and work with them to ensure that workers enjoy the rights and protections to which they are entitled,” said Sally Dworak-Fisher. **“Robust enforcement of workplace laws promotes economic security for workers, their families, and communities, and I look forward to working with the MLA team to deliver on the promise of those laws. I am also eager to continue and grow partnerships with allies, identify systemic challenges workers face, and develop legal strategies to address them.”**

Dworak-Fisher earned her J.D., cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School and her B.A. in Government from Cornell University. She is admitted to practice in Maryland, New York, and Washington, D.C. Her honors include the Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Career Award from the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, the Julie Martin-Korb Award for Outstanding Advocacy from the Maryland Employment Lawyers Association, and the Jane L. Mixer Award for demonstrated commitment to social justice from the University of Michigan Law School.

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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.