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Priya Sarathy joins Maryland Legal Aid as new Chief Financial Officer

Baltimore, Md., (September 11, 2023) – Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) is pleased to announce Priya Sarathy as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO), effective September 11, 2023. Priya joins Maryland Legal Aid as an experienced CFO. Most recently, she served as Deputy CFO for the Friendship Public Charter School District in Washington, D.C. with a budget of \$2.1 billion. Sarathy has worked primarily in the nonprofit and government sectors where she has both planned and managed large, complex budgets involving federal, state, and private grants and contracts.

Sarathy earned a Master of Business Administration in Finance and Marketing from Michigan State University. Prior to her most recent position in Washington, D.C., Sarathy served as the CFO for Lovell Government Services, and the Operations and Management Consultant Manager for the Florida Department of Education, where she continued to excel in creating and managing budgets for government and private agencies. In her time as a consultant manager for the Florida Department of Education, she developed their legislative budget request, and monitored positions and funding for K-12 schools, Office of Student and Financial Assistance (OSFA) and private colleges.

Sarathy's commitment to community service is long-standing. After serving for years as a Public Relations Liaison and Disaster Action Team Leader for the American Red Cross, she received an award for Best Volunteer.

MLA Executive Director Vicki Schultz shared, "We are grateful to our outgoing CFO Mitra Ghahramanlou who has served Maryland Legal Aid for more than 16 years and we are very pleased to welcome Priya Sarathy, a seasoned professional, as our new CFO. With Priya's hire, Maryland Legal Aid now has a fully new executive team committed to our dedicated staff and to our goal of making equal justice real for the low-income and vulnerable Marylanders we serve."

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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 low-income people across the state. The firm, Maryland's third largest of any kind, handles a wide range of issues, including family, housing, children's rights, government benefits, healthcare, employment, and consumer law. 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 also seeks systemic change through impact litigation, policy advocacy, and media.

