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Maryland Legal Aid Names Acting Chief for Anne Arundel County Office

BALTIMORE, Md., (July 28, 2020) - Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) is pleased to announce that Danielle Chappell has been named the new acting chief attorney for MLA's Anne Arundel County office in Annapolis.

Danielle Chappell has been a staff attorney with MLA for 12 years and has more than 20 years of experience as an attorney. Based in MLA's Anne Arundel County office, where she practices family law, Danielle has also worked at the MLA-managed Family Law Self-Help Center in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Earlier in her career, Danielle was a staff attorney in MLA's Baltimore City child advocacy unit.

Like her colleagues, Danielle has a strong commitment to serving low-income clients and communities. She graduated with honors from the George Washington University Law School, where she received an award for her work in the Family Law clinic. Before attending law school, Danielle was a teacher with Baltimore City Public Schools through Teach for America. She is graduate of St. Mary's College of Maryland and has a Master's degree from the University of Delaware.

MLA's Deputy Chief Counsel Gina Polley shared, "Danielle embodies the spirit of a public interest attorney and will continue to be an asset to the Anne Arundel County office, to MLA as a whole, and especially to the poor and vulnerable residents of Anne Arundel County."

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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. As Maryland's 3rd largest law firm, MLA handles cases involving a wide range of issues, including family, housing, government benefits, healthcare, education, employment, and consumer law. MLA also represents children in CINA (Child in Need of Assistance) proceedings in 14 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, medical facilities, and other gathering places.

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