

# New Resources for Injured Workers in Tennessee



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**June 6, 2019** - Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services (TALS) announces a new statewide partnership for expanded worker's compensation resources for low-income injured workers, made possible by a \$100,000 grant from the Tennessee Bar Foundation.

This project brings together stakeholders from the private and public sector to integrate technology as an innovative approach to providing injured workers who are not represented by an attorney with accessible and user-friendly resources. As the lead grantee, TALS will coordinate with these partners:

- Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation, the state administrator of the Tennessee Workers Compensation act
- LawDroid, an awardwinning chatbot development and consulting company for the legal industry
- LMU Duncan School of Law, located in Knoxville, Tennessee
- TN Employment Lawyers Association (TENNELA), the Tennessee chapter of the largest group of plaintiff employment lawyers in the country

Ann Pruitt, Executive Director of TALS explained, "In our role as a center for innovation, training and expertise, TALS uses technology to break down barriers in accessing legal help. Thanks to this funding, we can bring together stakeholders to simplify the workers' compensation claim process and make the system more efficient for everyone involved."

The Tennessee Bar Foundation announced in May that 12 grantees will receive funding from the Tennessee Legal Innovations Fund (TLIF), totaling over \$1,000,000 in grants. The purpose of the grants is to fund innovative projects addressing systemic barriers to access to justice in Tennessee

### **About Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services (TALS)**

TALS is a statewide nonprofit organization whose mission is to strengthen the delivery of civil help to vulnerable Tennesseans. Find free statewide civil legal resources at [www.HELP4TN.org](http://www.HELP4TN.org).

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