LAET Managing Attorney Elected to Chair Statewide Domestic Violence Council



JOHNSON CITY (June 2, 2017) – Deborah Yeomans-Barton, Managing Attorney for Legal Aid of East Tennessee's Johnson City office, has been elected to chair the Tennessee Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council (DVSCC). Her one-year term begins on July 1, 2017.

Ms. Yeomans-Barton has served on the Council for five years and is the appointed representative for legal aid service providers across the state. During her time on the Council, she has chaired the Order of Protection and Emerging Issues Committee and has been involved in monitoring the Batterer Intervention Programs in East Tennessee.

"I am honored to be selected as Chair of the DVSCC," said Ms. Yeomans-Barton. "As an attorney with Legal Aid, I have worked with victims of domestic violence for more than twenty-seven years. I am proud of the work of the Council, and am very passionate about helping victims overcome the struggles they face when they try to

break the cycle of violence."

The DVSCC was established through legislation in 1995, and works to develop model policies and training curricula for law enforcement agencies, the courts, and batterers' intervention programs. It is staffed by the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. For more information on the Council, call (800) 289-9018

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Legal Aid of East Tennessee's mission is to ensure justice for elderly, abused, and low-income people by providing a broad scope of civil legal assistance and advocacy. LAET serves eligible persons in 26 counties through offices in Chattanooga, Cleveland, Knoxville, Johnson City, Maryville, and Morristown.

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