

## **LAS Adds Three, Promotes Two**

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 13, 2017 — [Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland](#)s, Tennessee's largest non-profit law firm, has announced the addition of Alysse Gregory, Dorie Williams and Heather Duggan, and the promotion of Joshua Thomas and Brittney Jerkins.

Gregory will serve as the new family law attorney in Legal Aid Society's Nashville office. She most recently worked for the Jean Crowe Advocacy Center as a Civil Legal Assistance Program advocate, where she assisted victims of domestic violence. She also previously worked for Legal Aid Society as a pro bono project coordinator and paralegal, where she organized and supervised 96 free legal advice clinics, translated legal documents in Spanish and English and trained volunteers.

Williams joins the firm's Murfreesboro office as a legal assistant. She most recently worked as legal assistant for Dobbins, Venick, Kuhn & Byassee, PLLC, where she provided support in the areas of wills and estates, elder care, social security disability, family and employment law matters. She previously volunteered for Legal Aid Society's Murfreesboro office, where she contributed more than 1,200 service hours over the course of 11 months.

Duggan joins Legal Aid Society's Cookeville office as a paralegal, where she will primarily work with the Mortgage Foreclosure Team. She will also spend a portion of her time providing support in other cases. Duggan brings more than a decade of experience as a paralegal to her new position.

"We are thrilled to welcome Alysse and Dorie back to our firm and couldn't be happier to have Heather join the team," said Gary Housepian, executive director of Legal Aid Society in Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland

s. "They have the experience and drive we look for in our team members and we know they will contribute much to their communities."

Thomas has been promoted to managing attorney of the Columbia office. He joined Legal Aid Society in 2013 as a staff attorney. Prior to that, he worked as assistant

district attorney in Gulfport, Miss. and as a public service initiative legal fellow in the Office of General Counsel at The University of Southern Mississippi.

The Nashville office of Legal Aid Society has promoted Jerkins from administrative assistant for the firm's Volunteer Lawyers Program to director of development. She previously worked at Mercy Community Healthcare, where she was responsible for all internal and external marketing, as well as all event, fundraiser, volunteer coordination and donor database management.

"Brittney and Joshua epitomize what we value in team members: resourcefulness, effectiveness, empathy and commitment to providing access to justice for all " said Housepian. "I am confident they will continue to do great things in their new positions."

To learn more about Legal Aid Society, visit [www.las.org](http://www.las.org).

### **About Legal Aid Society**

Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlandds advocates for fairness and justice under the law. The non-profit law firm offers free civil legal representation and educational programs to help people in its region receive justice, protect their well-being and support opportunities to overcome poverty. It serves 48 counties from offices in Clarksville, Columbia, Cookeville, Gallatin, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Oak Ridge and Tullahoma. Legal Aid Society is funded in part by United Way. Learn more at [www.las.org](http://www.las.org), or by following the firm on [Facebook](#).

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