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Equal Justice University: Class of 2011 Sponsors

Equal Justice University (EJU) is the TALS annual conference, which seeks to enhance access to justice by providing high quality educational and networking opportunities for civil legal services providers, pro bono attorneys, and law students interested in public interest law in Tennessee. Each year EJU evolves its conference content and services to meet the growing civil needs of vulnerable Tennesseans. The EJU class of 2011 is no exception. EJU offers new [scholarship opportunities](#), inclusive trainings that serve all legal services advocates including attorneys, social workers, and support staff (link to calendar when it's up), and influential and eloquent keynote speakers.

To maintain this growth, TALS relies on the assistance and support of EJU sponsors. Without their pivotal support EJU would not be as dynamic as it is today.



- [Tennessee Bar Association](#)

The Tennessee Bar Association is a voluntary association dedicated to enhancing fellowship among members of the state's legal community. TALS and the TBA work closely on several projects including [Tennessee Disaster Legal Services](#) and the newly launch web-based pro bono clinic [OnlineTNJustice.org](#).

- [National Association of Social Workers Tennessee Chapter](#)



Founded in 1955, the National Association of Social Workers is the largest membership association of professional social workers in the world, with more

than 145,000 members in the United States and overseas. The NASW Tennessee Chapter is partnering this year with TALS to provide Social Work CEUs for a full day of sessions at EJU! This is yet another great collaboration with access to justice and social workers in Tennessee, which expands on existing partnerships in individual legal aid offices and service programs.



- [Tennessee Disability Coalition](#)

The Coalition and its member organizations represent Tennesseans of every age, economic background, political persuasion and disability. Some are disability-specific groups while others are cross-disability, but each is committed to collaboration toward improving the lives of all Tennesseans who are touched by a disability. TALS is grateful for TDC's consistent support of EJU and other TALS projects.

- [Tennessee Voices for Children](#)



Tennessee Voices for Children, Inc. (TVC) was formally organized in 1990 by Tipper Gore as a statewide coalition of individuals, agencies and organizations working together as a Steering Council to promote children's health and education services. TVC has progressed to become a statewide and national source of referral, support, and advocacy for families and the systems that serve them. TALS shares TVC's commitment to the wellbeing of Tennessee's children and is proud to welcome them to the EJU.



- [Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability](#)

The Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability brings together and leverages programs, resources, and organizations to protect and ensure the quality of life and independence of older Tennesseans and adults with disabilities. TALS is thrilled to have the commission's engagement on yet another EJU.



- [Miller & Martin PLLC](#)

Since 1867, Miller & Martin PLLC has helped businesses and individuals achieve their goals practically and efficiently. Today they are a leading Southeastern law firm with approximately 200 attorneys in three cities. TALS partners closely

with firm members including Katie Edge who is one of 10 individuals serving on the Tennessee Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission and is chair of its Education Committee.

- [Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis LLP](#)

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- [Disability Law & Advocacy Center of Tennessee](#)

Disability Law & Advocacy Center of Tennessee (DLAC) advocates for the rights of Tennesseans with disabilities to ensure they have an equal opportunity to be productive and respected members of our society. TALS was proud to be a co-sponsor of a training event at the 2011 Tennessee Disability Mega Conference with DLACTN.



- [Mental Health Cooperative of Tennessee](#)

The Mental Health Cooperative is a behavioral health agency exclusively serving adults with serious mental illness and children and adolescents with serious emotional disorders through illness management, rehabilitation, and recovery. TALS is proud to welcome this wonderful agency into the EJU family.

- [Bass, Berry & Sims](#)

One of the nation's premier firms Bass, Berry & Sims represents more than 30



publicly traded and Fortune 500 BERRY • SIMS_{PC} companies and have been

involved in some of the largest and most important business and litigation matters in the country. One of this firm's outstanding members, B. Riney

Green, is the name sake for the [TALS B. Riney Green Award](#), which is given to an outstanding advocate at the Equal Justice University conference semi-annually.

- [Tennessee Association for Mental Health Organizations \(TAMHO\)](#)



The Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations (TAMHO) is a statewide trade association representing Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) and other nonprofit corporations that provide behavioral health services. These organizations have historically met the needs of mentally ill and chemically dependent citizens of Tennessee from all age groups and socioeconomic levels. TALS is thankful for the support of TAMHO for the EJU conference.



- [Tennessee Association for Justice](#)

The Tennessee Association for Justice works to protect the civil justice system and advocates for accountability and the rights of all citizens. Mike Murphy of the TN Association for Justice will be co-presenting a legislative update at this year's EJU.



- [Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition](#)

The Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC) is a statewide, immigrant and refugee-led collaboration whose mission is to empower immigrants and refugees throughout Tennessee to develop a unified voice, defend their rights, and create an atmosphere in which they are recognized as positive contributors to the state. The TALS is grateful for the participation of TIRRC members on our immigration task force.



- [Professional Reprographics](#)

Professional Reprographics, DBA PR OMNI Digital, is Nashville's oldest all digital print and copy shop. PR Omni is TALS's go to shop for many training materials. We have always been pleased with their quality and professionalism.

- [Nashville School of Law](#)



Nashville School of Law (NSL) is a private law school offering high quality legal education at an affordable tuition with classes at night. NSL students appreciate the opportunity to study law while continuing to pursue their present career and pay for their education at the same time. NSL has a member representative on the TALS board and is an inaugural EJU Law Student Program participating law school and scholarship fund donor.

- [Elder Law Practice of Tim Takacs](#)



Timothy L. Takacs was one of the first elder law attorneys in the nation to assemble an inter-disciplinary team of experts to provide integrated client care. His innovations have transformed the practice of elder law in the United States and have set a new standard of excellence in the field. The firm also offers educational support that empowers professionals to better serve elderly and disabled clients or those caring for elderly or disabled family members.

- [BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Community Trust](#)



The BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Community Trust (BBTCT) is a charitable foundation, which supports the communities they serve through charitable giving to those programs that promote healthy living and health care access, education and diversity, and economic and community development. TALS is grateful to welcome BBTCT as an EJU sponsor for the second year.

- [AARP](#)

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that helps people 50 and over improve the quality of their lives. TALS has partnered with AARP on many projects including working with them during the May 2010 floods in TN to ensure Disability Legal Services met the needs of elderly Tennesseans.

- **Marcy Eason**, a member of the firm Miller and Martin in Chattanooga, concentrates on civil litigation. She served as Tennessee Bar Association President in 2007-2008 and currently serves on the Access to Justice Commission's Advisory Committee on Unmet Legal Needs. TALS is grateful for her donation to the EJU Advocate Scholarship fund.

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