

LAET Welcomes TN Supreme Court Justices to Tri-Cities on May 6th

JOHNSON CITY – Justices of the Tennessee Supreme Court will gather in Kingsport next month as guests of Legal Aid of East Tennessee (LAET) to honor attorneys who have donated hours of their time to those unable to afford civil legal counsel.

“Dinner with the Tennessee Supreme Court” will be served Tuesday, May 6th at The Club at Ridgefields in Kingsport. Chief Justice Gary R. Wade is the keynote speaker. He is scheduled to be joined by justices Cornelia A. Clark, Janice M. Holder, William C. Koch, and Sharon G. Lee for an evening that benefits LAET’s Pro Bono Project.

A highlight of the evening will be the recognition of Upper East Tennessee attorneys who have participated in the Pro Bono Project by donating time and skills to provide civil legal services to low-income and elderly residents, and victims of domestic violence.

“LAET’s staff provides incredible, cost-effective legal services to low income families in East Tennessee. However, the need for legal assistance outstretches our capacity,” stressed David R. Yoder, Executive Director of LAET. “Pro Bono attorneys and other volunteers increase our capacity to help, and bring civil legal justice to hundreds of families each year that would otherwise be left out of the American promise of ‘equal justice for all.’”

A reception for the justices begins at 6:00 p.m., with dinner and a silent auction to follow. Guest emcee for the evening is News Reporter Nate Morabito of WJHL-TV in Johnson City.

“Dinner with the Tennessee Supreme Court” is open to the public. Tickets for the evening are \$50. For reservations or more information, call Christy Harris in LAET’s Johnson City office at (423) 928-8311 or (800) 821-1312, or email charris@laet.org.



Pictured are (seated) Chief Justice Gary R. Wade with (standing left to right), Justice Janice M. Holder, Justice Sharon G. Lee, Justice William C. Koch, and Justice Cornelia A. Clark.

[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, Knoxville, Johnson City, Maryville, and Morristown.

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