

TALS' Equal Justice University Conference 2023

About EJU

Equal Justice University (EJU) is the annual gathering of approximately 250 lawyers, advocates, social worker professionals, and pro bono attorneys involved in providing civil legal assistance across Tennessee. EJU provides a unique opportunity for this community to gain up to 14 hours of Continuing Legal Education credit (CLEs/CEUs) as well as networking opportunities. EJU also provides dynamic speakers that express the value in being a part of the access to justice community. The EJU experience not only renews the civil legal service community's commitment to equal access to justice in Tennessee; it also introduces new pro bono lawyers, community advocates, and law students to this important mission.

Access to Justice Awards

Congratulations to the 2022 award winners!

2022 B. Riney Green Award: Bethany Jackson, Tessa Lemos Del Pino, and Karla McKanders

2022 Janice M. Holder Award: J. Houston Gordon

2022 New Advocate of the Year Award: Madison Baldacci and Caitlin Hakim

2022 Lifetime Achievement Award: Dean Douglas Blaze

Save the date for Equal Justice University 2023: August 30 - September 1, 2023

2023 Conference Planning Committee

Chair: Deb House, Legal Aid of East Tennessee

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