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MALS Announces Cindy Ettingoff as Chief Executive Officer

Memphis Area Legal Services (MALS) announced Cindy Ettingoff to be Chief Executive Officer beginning in December. As the CEO of MALS, Cindy will serve on the TALS Board of Directors. An active member of the access to justice community in Tennessee, Cindy has presented at TALS' Equal Justice University, currently serves on the Board of Directors of TALS' partner Community Legal Center, and has worked for MALS previously as the Managing Attorney in the Pro Bono Unit at MALS.

From MALS:

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE - Memphis Area Legal Services announced today that its Board of Directors has chosen Attorney Cindy Ettingoff as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective Monday, December 16, 2019. Ms. Ettingoff steps in as MALS' CEO following the retirement of Harrison McIver in March. She will bring leadership, administrative, and litigation experience to build on MALS's extensive collaborative relationships with the courts, state and local bar associations, and other legal and social service providers.

As a practicing attorney in Memphis and the surrounding areas for over 25 years, Ms. Ettingoff is no stranger to MALS, having worked as the nonprofit law firm's Managing Attorney of the Pro Bono Unit. In private practice, she has primarily focused on labor and employment law and mediation.

A graduate of the University of Memphis' Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, Ms. Ettingoff is a member of the American Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, Memphis Bar Association (Alternative Dispute Resolution), and the Association for Women Attorneys (Access to Justice Committee). Moreover, she serves as a pro bono mediator through the Mid-South Community Justice and Mediation Center.

In the community, Ms. Ettingoff has shown her spirit of volunteerism by helping those who are underserved through her involvement with the Midtown Legal Clinic, Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Charities, and the Tennessee Justice Center. In addition, Ms. Ettingoff serves on the board with the Community Legal Center, Freedom Prep Charter, Hardwood Center, Les Passes and the Madonna Circle.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to welcome Cindy Ettingoff as the new CEO of Memphis Area Legal Services,” says Kristine L. Roberts, Board President. “Cindy brings to MALS a leadership style that is welcoming and inclusive. The Board is excited to work with Cindy and help MALS reach new heights in providing legal services to the most vulnerable members of our community.”

Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc. (MALS) is the primary provider of civil legal representation to low income families in the western Tennessee counties of Shelby, Fayette, Tipton, and Lauderdale. MALS helps individuals and families facing critical, sometimes life-threatening, situations such as domestic violence; mortgage foreclosure, eviction or homelessness; wrongful death or denial of health care, food stamps, unemployment compensation, and other assistance; consumer fraud or predatory lending; and special challenges of children and the elderly. MALS does not accept fees for its services.

For more information, please contact Memphis Area Legal Services.

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