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Sanchez Recognized by Tennessee Supreme Court

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 23, 2016 - TALS' Staff Member Samantha Sanchez was recognized by the Tennessee Supreme Court at the 2016 Tennessee Bar Association's Bench Bar Lunch. Samantha, a staff member with TALS since 2011, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation "In recognition of her tireless work developing, refining, and promoting new technological tools that allow lawyers to perform pro bono work online in Tennessee and throughout the United States."

Samantha currently serves as Director of Training, Compliance, and Technology for TALS. Samantha administers Tennessee's virtual pro bono legal clinic, www.onlinetnjustice.org, and assists with the launch of a national version of the site along with the Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC law firm and the Technology Subcommittee of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee for Public Service and Pro Bono. Samantha works closely with former Access to Justice Chair George T. "Buck" Lewis, who is a partner with Baker Donelson, to ensure the site meets the need of low-income clients. In May 2016, Samantha and Buck completed a demonstration of the national site to attendees at the 2016 Equal Justice Conference. Samantha has provided multiple CLE trainings on technology and pro bono for organizations such as the American Bar Association and National Legal Aid and Defender's Association, Equal Justice Works, and Tennessee Bar Association (TBA). Samantha is a member of the TBA's Access to Justice Committee and its Pro Bono and Law School Subcommittees.

Photo: The TALS staff celebrates Samantha's recognition. L-R: Steve Wasserman, Tim Hughes, Ann Pruitt, Samantha Sanchez, Nayeli Chavez, and intern Alexa Spata.

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