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## Legal Aid Society Announces New Hire at Tullahoma Office

TULLAHOMA, Tenn., May 25, 2018 — [Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland](#), Tennessee's largest nonprofit law firm, announced today that Linda Blackwelder has joined its Tullahoma office as a staff attorney.

Before joining the legal profession, Blackwelder was an environmental consultant who specialized in tracking the movement of hazardous chemicals in groundwater. In 2008, she decided to make a career change and began pursuing her law degree at night at the Nashville School of Law. She graduated in 2011. She began her law career as a volunteer for the Legal Aid Society's Tullahoma office.



"We are thrilled to welcome Linda to our office as a staff attorney," said Iska Hoole, managing attorney for Legal Aid Society's Tullahoma office. "Linda demonstrated her dedication to equal access to justice when she volunteered as an attorney at our office for a year while also maintaining her career as a hydrogeologist. We saw her passion for helping our clients and are now excited to have her continue that work as part of our legal staff."

Blackwelder graduated from the University of North Carolina with a bachelor's degree in earth sciences in 1985 and also earned her master of science in geology there in 1988.

### **About Legal Aid Society**

Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland advocates for fairness and justice under the law. The non-profit law firm offers free civil legal representation and educational programs to help people in its region receive justice, protect their well-being and support opportunities to overcome poverty. It serves 48 counties from offices in Clarksville, Columbia, Cookeville, Gallatin, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Oak Ridge and Tullahoma. Legal Aid Society is funded in part by United Way. Learn more at

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