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Legal Aid Society Names Erin Palmer Polly, Past Nashville Bar Association President, as 2019 Chair of Campaign for Equal Justice

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 15, 2019 — Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland, Tennessee's largest nonprofit law firm, announced today that Erin Palmer Polly, an attorney at Butler Snow LLP in Nashville and immediate past president of the Nashville Bar Association, will serve as the chair for its 2019 Campaign for Equal Justice, an annual initiative that raises funds for Legal Aid Society.

The campaign, held annually since 1987, will launch in March with a goal of \$830,000. Polly served as president of the Nashville Bar Association for the 2018 calendar year and had a goal of uniting the bar through public service and social events to help increase civility among members. Her efforts there helped to increase membership in the bar to its highest level in history.

Polly has been a member of Butler Snow's commercial litigation group since 2015, with an emphasis in commercial litigation, civil rights, professional liability and general litigation. Since joining the firm, she has represented companies and individuals in matters involving civil rights, professional liability claims, personal injury lawsuits and breaches of contract, among many other topics.

Before joining Butler Snow, Polly spent 13 years as a partner at Nashville law firm Walker, Tipps & Malone.

She has been awarded several prestigious distinctions, including Nashville Business Journal's Top 40 Under 40 in 2017 and Best of the Bar from 2016-2018. She was also honored as a Best Lawyer in America in commercial litigation and personal injury litigation – defendants by [Best Lawyers](#) in 2018 and 2019 and a Mid-South Super Lawyer in civil litigation: defense by [Super Lawyers](#) in 2018. Polly is a longtime participant in Legal Aid Society's Volunteer Lawyers Program and received the Pro Bono Leadership Award in 2014 for her work with the organization.

"We're grateful that Erin has volunteered to chair our 2019 Campaign for Equal Justice," said DarKenya Waller, executive director of Legal Aid Society. "She's a well-respected legal professional and standout leader in Middle Tennessee, and her commitment to justice in cases involving civil rights, employment contracts and rights to medical treatment dovetail with the core mission of Legal Aid Society. We believe she will take our 2019 campaign to new heights."

Polly is a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law, where she was president of the Student Bar Association and received the dean's citation for extraordinary service to the College of Law. Before law school, she received her bachelor of arts in political science and government from Maryville College.

"It's a privilege to be chairing Legal Aid Society's campaign this year," said Polly. "A successful community is one where all voices are heard, regardless of their financial or social status. It's important that we run a successful campaign to ensure Legal Aid Society can continue offering its free legal services to those Middle Tennesseans who find themselves in need."

About Legal Aid Society

Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland advocates for fairness and justice under the law. The nonprofit 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 www.las.org or by following the firm on [Facebook](#).

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