

40th Anniversary – A Time to Celebrate

The staff and board of Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc. (MALS) are especially excited this year, as we are celebrating our 40th Anniversary October 14th from 5 to 7pm at the new University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, located at 1 North Front Street in downtown Memphis.

Our story began in 1968, as noted on the Home Page. The Neighborhood Legal Services Project (NLSP) laid the foundation for MALS. The leadership of MALS' first two executive directors, Retired Circuit Judge George Brown and City of Memphis Mayor A C Wharton, were essential to the solid footing that MALS needed to become the principal law firm serving the civil legal needs of low income and other disadvantaged individuals.

Throughout those formative years and today, one characteristic has persisted – a highly skilled, capable and dedicated staff that provides high quality and effective legal assistance to our clients. Whether it's a woman or elderly person facing domestic violence or abuse; an individual whose lone asset- his or her home-was subject to foreclosure, because of a predatory loan; a consumer defrauded in the execution of an installment loan; or a veteran who is wrongfully denied benefits to which he or she is entitled, MALS' staff is and has been here to assist. We never have lost site of our vision, "Justice for Those in Need." Whatever victories and successes we have had, and of which we are proud, we share with the entire legal community. Without its consistent and generous support, for which we are eternally grateful, many of those achievements would not have occurred.

Please join us in a year of celebration by contributing today to our Annual Campaign for Equal Justice (visit our Home Page, www.malsi.org, and click on the "**Contribute Now**" link); or by volunteering in one of our pro bono/volunteer opportunities (contact Linda Warren Seely at 901-255-3417 or lseely@malsi.org), and do not forget to attend our 40th Anniversary celebration!