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U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE DIANE VESCOVO, HUSBAND MICHAEL MCLAREN AND FAMILY HONOR LLOYD KIRKLAND, JR.

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On April 30, 2015, the family of Lloyd Kirkland, Jr, including Magistrate Judge Diane Vescovo and her husband, Michael McLaren, honored him by purchasing the Naming Rights to Memphis Area Legal Services’ small conference room. The new name of the conference room is now the Kirkland Conference Room. Family and friends of Mr. Kirkland, including members of the Memphis Area Legal Services Board of Directors and staff, enjoyed a brief birthday celebration and an unveiling of the plaque renaming the conference room. Magistrate Judge Vescovo stated of her father “He has dedicated his entire career to service in the legal profession. We are so very proud of him and all of his accomplishments.”

Memphis Area Legal Services’ Executive Director/CEO, Harrison D. McIver, III, comments that “We at Memphis Area Legal Services believe there can be no more fitting tribute to Lloyd Kirkland, Jr., who has contributed so much to our profession during his six decades of practice. The conference room bearing his name accomplishes that while enabling MALS to continue its efforts to provide equal justice under the law for those in need.”

About Memphis Area Legal Services Inc. (www.malsi.org)

Established in 1970, MALS is a non-profit law firm working to ensure that even the most vulnerable Memphians have access to the highest quality of legal assistance. MALS predominantly serves women and children, the elderly and the disabled — residents who are often susceptible to the widening “justice gap.” MALS’ legal assistance, largely made possible through limited government funding and much-
needed donor support, results in access to food, shelter, income and a safe living environment for the residents it serves.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Vescovo, father Lloyd Kirkland, Jr. and husband, Michael McLaren

Mr. Lloyd Kirkland, Jr. and Kirkland Conference Room plaque