

Legal Aid Society

of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland

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Legal Aid Society's Allison Cooley Takes New Role as Gallatin Managing Attorney

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 13, 2016 – Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland, Tennessee's largest non-profit law firm, announced today that Allison Cooley, family law attorney in Legal Aid Society's Nashville office, has been promoted to managing attorney of its Gallatin office.

In this role, Cooley will lead the day-to-day operations of Legal Aid Society's Gallatin office, which provides free civil legal services to low-income people in Macon, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale and Wilson counties. She will supervise a staff of four, including two other attorneys.

"Allison has displayed great growth as a lawyer, co-worker and leader in our firm since she joined us in 2011," said Gary Housepian, executive director for Legal Aid Society. "Additionally, during the past six months, she has been a great resource to the Gallatin service area and demonstrated a real passion to provide assistance to clients in our rural communities."

Cooley is a graduate of the Charlotte School of Law. She completed her undergraduate degree at Loyola University in New Orleans in 2007. She was a Charlotte School of Law Post-Graduate fellow with the Family Law section of the Nashville office of Legal Aid Society for six months before joining the staff in 2012. Cooley is a recipient of the 2016-2018 American Bar Association Family Law Section Fellowship. She is a member of the Davidson County Fatality Review Team and a board member of the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She also co-chairs the LAW Domestic Violence Committee and is a member of the Harry Phillips Inns of Court.

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 www.las.org, or by following the firm on [Facebook](#).

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