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## **ABA President to Visit Memphis Area Legal Services**

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**Memphis, April 10, 2014:** On Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, American Bar Association (ABA) President Jim Silkenat will visit Memphis Area Legal Services (MALS) to speak to the staff members to express the ABA's appreciation for their service in affording access to justice to their clients. One of the Association's top priorities is access to justice, and encouraging the legal and broader community to respond to the unmet civil legal needs in disadvantaged communities. The ABA President is in Memphis at the annual invitation of Shep Tate of Martin, Tate, Morrow & Martston P.C. to address the Downtown Rotary Club.

MALS' Executive Director Harrison D. McIver III commented, "we are truly honored to have President Silkenat visit us in our office. It reaffirms the ABA's commitment to not only access to justice but recognition of the important and essential work our staff plays in this community."

Founded in 1878, The American Bar Association is one of the world's largest voluntary professional organizations, with nearly 400,000 members and 3,500 entities.

**About Memphis Area Legal Services Inc. ([www.malsi.org](http://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 civil legal assistance. MALS predominantly serves families, senior citizens, children, abused spouses, veterans and disadvantaged citizens. 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.