

Legal Aid Society Appoints Charles Grant as Board President

Veteran Nashville litigator takes over from Robert Martineau Jr. for 2-year term

Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland, the state's largest nonprofit law firm, has appointed Charles K. Grant as its new board president.

Grant succeeds previous president Robert "Bob" Martineau Jr., who had served as president since 2016. Grant previously served as first vice president of the board, and his term as president will last through 2020.

A graduate of The Citadel and Washington & Lee School of Law, Grant is a shareholder at Baker, Donelson, and a member of its board of directors. His practice focuses on complex employment litigation, including FLSA collective actions, general business litigation and representation of licensed professionals before licensing boards. A prominent lawyer and veteran litigator, Grant has tried more than 50 jury trials to verdict in federal and state courts and represented clients in mediation and arbitration proceedings.

Grant is a past president of the Nashville Bar Association and has been the recipient of several prestigious awards, including the Napier-Looby Bar Foundation's Trailblazer and A.A. Birch Outstanding Public Service awards, the Nashville Bar Association's Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award, the Tennessee Bar Association's Harris Gilbert Pro Bono Award and the ACLU of Tennessee's Bruce Kramer Cooperating Attorney Award.

Grant has been listed in Mid-South Super Lawyers every year since 2006 in the area of Employment Litigation Defense, in The Best Lawyers In America in the areas of Employment Law - Litigation and Employment Law - Management every year since 2014, and in the Nashville Business Journal's "Best of the Bar" six times, most recently in 2018.

“We are overjoyed to have Charles as our new board president,” said DarKenya Waller, executive director for Legal Aid Society. “His previous service on our board, his considerable legal experience, and his extensive professional and community involvement make him well qualified to help oversee our organization as we work to best assist low-income Tennesseans with legal matters.”

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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