

2013 Access to Justice Award Winners Announced

The Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services (TALS) is pleased to announce its 2013 Access to Justice Honorees.

The prestigious B. Riney Green Award celebrates advocates who have promoted strong cooperation among the access to justice providers across Tennessee. **Gordon Bonnyman**, founding Executive Director of the Tennessee Justice Center (left), will be honored for his exceptional leadership in forging collaborations to help low income people receive legal assistance, particularly in accessing healthcare. **Harrison McIver, III.**, Executive Director of Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc. (right), will be feted for fostering unity and coordination among Tennessee's legal service providers and for his advocacy for the civil justice community as a whole.

The 2013 New Advocate of the Year Award will be presented to **Charity Miles Williams and Emily O'Donnell**, both from Legal Aid of East Tennessee. Ms. Williams is being honored for her tenacity in representing low income clients facing eviction or foreclosure proceedings. Ms. O'Donnell was selected for the award for her work with displaced tenants in Chattanooga following a fire, educating them about their rights and helping them secure critical services.

The Access to Justice Awards Dinner will be held in the Crown Ballroom at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee on October 9th at 6:30pm. The presentation is part of The Equal Justice University conference, hosted by the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services and co-sponsored the Tennessee Bar Association (TBA). The Honorable AC Wharton, Jr., Mayor of Memphis, Tennessee will give the evening's keynote address. The full schedule of EJU 2013 events can be found at: <http://www.tals.org/equal-justice-university-0>.

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