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LEGAL AID SOCIETY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEGINS ‘FIRST 100 DAYS’ PROGRAM

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Aug. 9, 2007 – Heading up the largest non-profit law firm in the state offers challenges. With eight offices serving 48 counties in Middle Tennessee, Gary Housepian, executive director of Legal Aid Society, has a lot of ground to cover.

He is up to the challenge, however, as evidenced by his recently announced “First 100 Days” program.

“I’m going to take the first 100 days of my tenure and learn all I can about the clients and communities we serve as well as the supporters we depend on to do the important work of Legal Aid Society,” Housepian said. “During this time, I will visit all eight offices and meet with staff, clients, donors and community leaders. At the end of the program, I’ll report what I’ve learned and discuss the future of Legal Aid Society.”

During his journey, Housepian will post entries in a blog, www.legalaidsociety.blogspot.com, about interesting people and stories he’s discovered.

“The attorneys and staff I’ve met with so far have shared with me some wonderful stories about clients whose lives have been changed with help from Legal Aid Society,” he said. “We work with some of the most vulnerable families in the region – the poor, the elderly and the abused. To see someone get the help they desperately need to change their life and provide hope is inspiring.”

During the first 30 days of the program, Housepian will visit the eight offices of Legal Aid Society, meeting with staff, attorneys and volunteers. During the second 30 days, he will meet with donors, members of the board of directors and clients. The last 40 days will include meetings with community leaders and a presentation on his findings to members of the Leadership Cabinet – a group of Nashville-based law firms that have shown considerable support, both in money and time, to Legal Aid Society.

“There is a lot of work ahead of us,” Housepian said. “We are blessed to have a group of dedicated, passionate attorneys, staff and volunteers who are devoted to our goals of providing access to justice for low-income families.”

The Legal Aid Society gives free legal aid to people who have nowhere else to turn. It has eight offices, with 30 attorneys who serve families in 48 counties throughout middle and east Tennessee.

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