

LEGAL AID SOCIETY

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LEGAL AID SOCIETY WINS TWO CNM SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Oct. 18, 2007 – It was a red-carpet night in the Nashville Renaissance Hotel Grand Ballroom as the Center for Nonprofit Management (CNM) sponsored the annual Salute to Excellence awards dinner Oct. 17. Legal Aid Society took home two awards – and was the only finalist to receive more than one award.

The two awards won were the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Manufacturing Company (USSTMC) Excellence in Communications Award and the ANE Chief Executive Officer of the Year Award.

“This is a testament to the vision of Ashley Wiltshire, our board, our Community Advisory Council, community education staff and all our staff,” said Gary Housepian, executive director of Legal Aid Society. “It is truly a team effort.”

In his acceptance speech and on his blog, <http://legalaidsociety.blogspot.com>, Housepian stated that he was grateful for “the inspiration that we receive from the character and lives of our clients. They motivate us to obtain justice for them. When they receive justice, they also receive hope.”

Ashley Wiltshire, former executive director of Legal Aid Society who headed up the firm for 31 years before his retirement in June, was named the ANE Chief Executive Officer of the Year. In his acceptance speech, he thanked Legal Aid Society’s board of directors and the Community Advisory Council for their passion and dedication to the cause of justice.

“I’m proud to have been a part of this great organization for 37 years,” he said. “It has been an honor and privilege.”

The Legal Aid Society gives free legal aid to people who have nowhere else to turn. It has offices in Nashville, Gallatin, Clarksville, Murfreesboro, Columbia, Tullahoma, Cookeville and Oak Ridge who serve families in 48 counties throughout middle and east Tennessee.

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