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NEW ATTORNEY JOINS LEGAL AID SOCIETY'S GALLATIN OFFICE

GALLATIN, Tenn., Aug. 09, 2007 – The Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland has announced the hiring of Andrae Crismon as a staff attorney in its Gallatin office.

Crismon is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, where he served as student body president, and Vanderbilt University School of Law, where he served as associate editor of the Journal of Transnational Law. Last year he served as in-house counsel and director of operations for Victory 2006, the coordinated campaign for the Democratic Party of Tennessee.

Crismon has worked in the Office of General Counsel for the Tennessee Department of Health and clerked for the Honorable Inez Smith Reid of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. During college, Crismon achieved national recognition in mock trial competition and was named to the All-American team.

In announcing Crismon's hiring, Gallatin managing attorney Jim Hawkins said, "Andrae Crismon is a bright and talented lawyer with a gift for community service and grassroots leadership. He has quickly established himself as an effective advocate for his clients."

Crismon also serves as an assistant pastor to churches in Shelbyville and Murfreesboro.

Legal Aid Society is a non-profit regional law firm which provides free civil legal assistance and counsel to low-income persons. It helps with legal problems related to domestic violence, housing, health care access, benefits appeals, consumer matters, special education, and federal income tax issues. It has eight offices and 30 attorneys in 48 counties throughout middle and east Tennessee.

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