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NEW ATTORNEY JOINS LEGAL AID SOCIETY'S CLARKSVILLE OFFICE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 15, 2007 – The Legal Aid Society recently announced the hiring of attorney James McWilliams in its Clarksville office.

McWilliams is a graduate of Oakwood College and Vanderbilt University School of Law. During law school, he served as an associate with the Nashville law firm King & Ballow and as a researcher and writer for the Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center. He was a legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. Max Cleland. He spent 13 years as a newspaper reporter, most recently in Columbia, S.C. with *The State*, South Carolina's largest newspaper, where he reported on legislative and legal issues.

In announcing McWilliams' hiring, Clarksville managing attorney Pat Mock said, "Through his legal and journalistic experience, James brings a wide range of skills and experience to this position, which will be valuable to our clients and our firm."

McWilliams will be working on an innovative new program that will provide assistance to military families at Fort Campbell in the field of family law and domestic violence. "This is one of two pilot programs in the nation," Mock explained, "we are proud to be chosen for the important job of demonstrating how to help families deal with the trauma of long postings in the Middle East, and proud that James has chosen to join this effort."

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.