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Connecticut Legal Services Announces Executive Transition

Connecticut Legal Services, Inc. (CLS) has launched a search for a new executive director upon the announcement that its current executive director, Steven D. Eppler-Epstein, will be leaving the agency at the end of May 2017.

Steve joined CLS as a staff attorney in 1984. His work has included individual and class-action client service on domestic violence and public benefit issues; legislative advocacy; and community legal education and writing. In 1995, Steve was hired to be the Deputy Director of Connecticut Legal Services, and in 2007, he was selected to be the Executive Director. Since 2007, Steve has successfully shepherded CLS through difficult funding challenges and increasing client demand for services; and, has led CLS through successful implementation of projects to respond to emerging client needs.

“Steve has been a tireless advocate on behalf of CLS, its mission, and its clients,” says CLS’ deputy director Deborah Witkin, “his leadership has been invaluable to us during these last ten years and he will leave an indelible mark on legal services in Connecticut.” Debi will serve as CLS’ interim executive director throughout this executive transition process.

CLS’ next executive director will have the tremendous privilege and great responsibility of leading a venerable institution that has transformed countless lives over four decades. S/he will continue CLS’ strategic growth and oversee the provision of individual legal representation and counseling, broad impact work that benefits low income individuals through policy and advocacy, class action litigation, community outreach and education, and coalitions pursuing common goals.

CLS has retained Nonprofit Professionals Advisory Group (NPAG) to lead its executive search. Tamar Datan and Mira Kline of NPAG are working in partnership with CLS’ Board appointed transition committee to find the most qualified candidate for the position who can lead CLS through this next phase of challenges and growth. NPAG partners with global, mission-driven clients in the nonprofit, public, and philanthropic sectors to deliver deep and successful senior- and executive-level searches. For more information about the search, please see <http://nonprofitprofessionals.com/job/ctls-ed/>

Established in 1977, CLS celebrates its 40th year of providing high quality legal services to the low income population of Connecticut encompassing family law, housing, public benefits, elder law, children’s law, assistance to people with intellectual disabilities, immigration law, and employment law. Through six full-service offices in Stamford, Bridgeport, Waterbury, New Britain, New London, and Willimantic and three satellite offices in Meriden, Vernon, and Middletown, CLS provides legal services to approximately 5,000 households each year, improving the lives of over 16,000 household members. For more information about CLS, please visit CTLegal.org.
