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Press Release

Leigh Maddox Joins MVLS as Deputy Director

For Immediate Release, Baltimore, MD, April 23, 2013: Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS) has named Leigh Maddox as its new Deputy Director. Ms. Maddox will be responsible for day-to-day management of MVLS' statewide pro bono program that serves 3,800 low-income individuals annually.

Ms. Maddox formerly served as Managing Attorney/Professor of the JustAdvice® Legal Clinic at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law. The JustAdvice Clinic is a nationally recognized civil legal clinic where, for ten dollars, anyone can receive a thirty minute session with an experienced attorney and walk away with directions on how to solve their legal issue. The clinic will continue as a partnership between MVLS and the Carey School of Law.

Prior to joining the Carey School of Law faculty, Ms. Maddox worked as a career law enforcement officer with the Maryland State Police, retiring in 2007 at the rank of captain. During her tenure with the State Police, Ms. Maddox served in myriad assignments throughout the Department including field command positions spanning 10 Maryland counties.

Ms. Maddox serves on the board of numerous non-profit organizations. She is a member of the Executive Board for Law Enforcement against Prohibition (LEAP) and consults with the Forest Greens/Perryman Community Association on land planning and environmental protections issues. Ms. Maddox helped to found Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), Maryland Chapter. She served six years on its Executive Board and eight years on the annual COPS Ride fundraising Committee. Ms. Maddox also served for five years on the Chrome City Ride Committee to benefit the Benedictine School for

developmentally disabled children and adults. Additionally, she served on the Executive Board of the Coalition of Black Maryland State Troopers for six years.

Currently, Ms. Maddox is admitted to practice in Maryland and the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. She also is a member of the American Bar Association, Maryland State Bar Association, Association of American Law Schools, Law Enforcement against Prohibition and a lifetime member of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement. She is a past member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Cecil County Branch of the NAACP and the Police Executive Research Forum.

Ms. Maddox graduated with honors and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management and Leadership from the Johns Hopkins University in 2000. In 2004, Ms. Maddox was awarded her Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Maryland Carey School of Law. While attending law school, Ms. Maddox was elected to serve on the academic honor board for four consecutive terms. She also earned her certification as a trained mediator.

Founded in 1981, MVLS is the largest provider of pro bono legal services in Maryland. Our 3,000 volunteer lawyers provide free civil legal assistance to low-income residents and community-based nonprofits. MVLS volunteers represent clients in a wide range of cases, including foreclosure, bankruptcy, income tax disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, consumer rights, denial of public benefits, wills, divorce/custody and criminal record expungement.

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