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Press Release

MVLS Hires Foreclosure Prevention Project Manager

For Immediate Release, Baltimore, MD, March 22, 2013: Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS) is pleased to announce that Susan Francis has joined our staff as the new Foreclosure Prevention Project Manager. She will be responsible for representing distressed homeowners who have time sensitive foreclosure cases, including mediations, as well as management responsibility for MVLS foreclosure prevention activities.

Ms. Francis has spent many years working in public interest areas to address social inequities. She also has a diverse professional background that includes litigation, alternative dispute resolution and resource development experience. She worked in Ohio for over ten year to address the problems of homelessness and lack of affordable housing in the state. Currently, she serves on the board of directors of the Public Justice Center, a statewide legal advocacy organization and Free State Legal Project, a pro bono organization serving the low-income LGBT community in the Greater Baltimore area.

Since 2008, when MVLS joined the statewide Foreclosure Prevention Pro Bono Project, our volunteer lawyers have had a significant and positive impact on the foreclosure crisis in Maryland. Through pro bono legal representation and direct foreclosure counseling, we have assisted hundreds of distressed homeowners. MVLS will be able to expand pro bono legal services through a generous grant from the Attorney General's Mortgage Loan Servicing Settlement Fund and Maryland Housing Counseling Fund.

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