

ATLANTA LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC.
BOARD COMMITMENT

Atlanta Legal Aid Society is the oldest and largest civil legal services organization in the state of Georgia. Board service is both an honor and a charge. The program expects a level of commitment from individuals who accept appointment to the Board of Directors ("Board").

By accepting appointment I affirm that I accept as my personal responsibility to:

- Fulfill my fiduciary responsibility as a Board member to serve as a trustee of Atlanta Legal Aid's assets and exercise due diligence to oversee that the organization is well-managed and that its financial situation remains sound.
- Strive to attend all meetings of the Board and the committees to which I have accepted appointment.
- Review all information and materials sent to me in connection with Board business and provide the Board with my best attention and judgment.
- Be well versed and conversant about Atlanta Legal Aid's mission, programs, track record, and goals.
- Attend at least one onsite Board/staff event at a Atlanta Legal Aid's office in order to meet the staff and understand the importance of the work of Atlanta Legal Aid.
- Serve as an Atlanta Legal Aid ambassador by representing it well in the community and communicating about it with professional and personal contacts.
- Attend and/or financially support fundraising events such as: "Run for Justice", "Shake It Up for HeLP," AVLF's and Legal Aid's collaborative "Annual Beer Tasting and BBQ," and others.
- Work to develop new leadership and recommend potential Board and Advisory Committee members to the Board development committee.
- Avoid any actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

Board Member Financial Pledge:

Atlanta Legal Aid is known locally and nationally for having a board comprised of professional and community leaders who are passionate about fulfilling Legal Aid's mission and who are committed to providing a base of support deeply rooted in generosity of time, energy and financial support. Financial pledges to support Atlanta Legal Aid can be made toward Annual and Capital Campaigns, through event ticket or auction item purchases, and/or securing financial support from Board members' law firms or employers. Without participation from 100% of professional Board members individually in Atlanta Legal Aid's Annual and Capital Campaigns, most foundations will not consider contributions to those campaigns.

I pledge, at a minimum, to make a financial donation toward Atlanta Legal Aid's goal of 100% participation by its Board members in Atlanta Legal Aid Annual and Capital Campaigns.

Please return form to:
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Printed Name:

Signed:

Date:

History has shown that Board members who make efforts to learn first-hand about the work of Legal Aid become more effective advocates for the program.