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**LEGAL AID OF THE BLUEGRASS ANNOUNCES NEW OPERATIONS DIRECTOR,
ADAM SHASTID**

Covington, KY- Legal Aid of the Bluegrass (LABG), a Kentucky non-profit legal services organization, has welcomed its new Operations Director, Adam Shastid, to the organization. Shastid succeeds Brenda Combs, who is retiring as Business Director at the end of 2019. Shastid will lead the non-legal operations of LABG including overseeing technology, project implementation, grants administration, and financial and human resources.

Shastid comes from Tennessee where he has held positions in public accounting and corporate finance. He previously worked as the Director of Finance for Legal Aid of East Tennessee and has extensive experience in non-profit grant compliance. Shastid says "I'm looking forward to bringing my skills and abilities to the team at Legal Aid of the Bluegrass. Together with our various gifts we will continue the good work of serving each other and our communities with kindness and compassion; embracing the promise and challenges of the future, with the wisdom and experience of the past."

LABG provides free civil legal help to low income families in Kentucky. Its workforce consists of 59 paid staff including 26 attorneys, 26 paralegals, legal assistants, and other legal support staff and a myriad of legal contractors and volunteers who work daily across four offices in Ashland, Covington, Lexington and Morehead. Shastid will oversee the operations of LABG who provides legal assistance to over 5,000 Kentuckians annually. LABG is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019.

Brenda Combs, who has held her position for nearly 30 years as Business Director says "It's been my pleasure to assure that our organization is financially solid, trusted, and ethical as we serve our communities and the most vulnerable among us. I leave knowing that legacy will continue in Adam Shastid. He will lead us forward in new ways I can only imagine, and I look forward to that and to our continued work of which I have been and will continue to be so proud."

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass works in 33 Kentucky counties to resolve the most important problems of low income and other vulnerable people by providing high quality legal assistance through direct representation, education, advice, advocacy and coordination with other community resources. Visit www.lablaw.org/ for more information.

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