

Jim Exum Honored with Induction into LAET Hall of Fame

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LAET is a nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services to vulnerable East Tennesseans. Clients may have a low income, be a part of the older American population, have a disability, or experienced abuse. LAET's mission is to strengthen communities and change lives by providing high-quality legal services. The firm serves eligible residents of 26 counties from offices located in Blountville, Chattanooga, Cleveland, Knoxville, Johnson City, Maryville, and Morristown.

"We are excited to see Jim receive this deserved recognition," said President and Managing Shareholder [Mark Cunningham](#). "Jim has contributed numerous hours toward Legal Aid's mission, and we're proud of his selfless dedication and leadership."

Jim follows in the footsteps of several Chambliss attorneys inducted into the Hall of Fame: Max Bahner, Bruce Bailey, Justice William "Muecke" Barker, Bill Carriger, Glenn C. Stophel, and Mike St. Charles.

Jim has tackled complex, high-stakes litigation as a member of Chambliss' litigation and risk management group. His clients — ranging from individuals and families to government and municipal officers — seek his counsel in disputes across Tennessee and Georgia. He often counsels families in domestic divorce and child custody cases, as well as clients facing government investigations and potential criminal liability. In addition to being listed as a Rule 31 Mediator, he is also a certified Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) administrative hearing officer. For more information on his practice and experience, visit [Jim's bio](#).

Read the full Hamilton County Herald article, "[Legal Aid celebrates 'heroes' of giving back.](#)"