

# Mike St. Charles Honored with Chief Justice William M. Barker Equal Access to Justice Award

Legal Aid of East Tennessee (LAET) recently presented Mike St. Charles with the Chief Justice William M. Barker Equal Access to Justice Award, recognizing his significant contributions to promoting access to justice in Tennessee. During LAET's annual Pro Bono...



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[Legal Aid of East Tennessee \(LAET\)](#) recognized Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, P.C. attorney [Mike St. Charles](#) with its Chief Justice William M. Barker Equal Access to Justice Award at their Annual Pro Bono Night on October 3, 2024. Mike was honored for his unwavering commitment to providing legal services to those in need.

"We are thrilled to see Mike receive this well-deserved honor," said President and Managing Shareholder [Mark Cunningham](#). "LAET has acknowledged what we at Chambliss and many in our community have witnessed for decades, Mike's heart of service and tireless work ethic. He genuinely embodies the values we stand for at Chambliss, both in his actions and in his leadership within our community."

In addition, Mike was inducted into LAET's Hall of Fame in 2020. He has dedicated hundreds of hours to counseling individuals and community organizations through pro bono representation. Mike followed in the footsteps of previous Chambliss attorneys inducted into the Hall of Fame: Max Bahner, Bruce Bailey, Justice William "Muecke" Barker, Bill Carriger, and Glenn C. Stophel.

Mike is a shareholder, trusted advisor, and strategic partner for clients, firm personnel, and the community, and he is nationally recognized for his work in real estate and business matters. With over 40 years of experience, he has a wealth of knowledge to share with clients seeking general counsel services. From day-to-day operational issues to strategic initiatives — Mike consistently provides sound advice and works to understand the clients' motivations and goals. For more information on Mike's practice and experience, please visit [his bio](#).

Since 1965, Legal Aid of East Tennessee has been dedicated to providing free legal services to those in need. LAET's mission is to strengthen communities and change lives by providing high-quality legal services. They serve eligible residents across 26 counties in Tennessee, with offices located in Blountville, Chattanooga, Cleveland, Knoxville, Johnson City, Maryville, and Morristown.

Read the Chattanooga article, "[Chambliss Attorney Receives Chief Justice William M. Barker Equal Access To Justice Award](#)."