

# WDEF News 12 Highlights Paralegal Apprenticeship Program at Chambliss

WDEF News 12 featured Chambliss in their recent [“Driving Our Economy Forward”](#) segment following the progression of Chambliss’ [paralegal apprenticeship program](#) in partnership with [Chattanooga State Community College](#). The two-track program announced in November 2022 is Tennessee’s first college-sponsored registered apprenticeship program in the legal field.

“The program requires that they had an undergraduate degree to start out with,” said Executive Director Tony Young. “These folks are already educated, but they are wanting to hone their skill into the legal industry. This will allow them to become paralegals and potentially, if they want to continue to study further, go on and get a law degree.”

In the interview, [Tony Young](#), [Brenda Binder](#), Kelly Howe, Sage Sammeli, and Bo Drake (Vice President of Economic and Workforce Development at Chattanooga State) highlight the importance of workforce development initiatives and how apprenticeship programs can open doors for businesses facing workforce challenges. In addition, Kelly and Sage discuss the work they do at the firm, their mentorship experience with Chambliss paralegals, and how the program allows them to combine education and employment.

“People we get to work with here are extremely experienced,” said Kelly Howe, paralegal apprentice. “They have so much knowledge, it’s kind of intimidating to think about one day filling those roles and having that much knowledge. But it’s great that this opportunity and the specific role allows us to learn from those knowledgeable people.”

Watch the full interview on WDEF News 12’s website: [“Driving Our Economy Forward: Chambliss Law Paralegal Apprenticeship Program.”](#)