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Jonesboro, Ark., January 22, 2018 - Legal Aid of Arkansas welcomes two new staff attorneys, Trevor Hawkins and Sarah Barnett, to ring in the New Year. Access to legal representation is critical to quality of life, so every new addition to the Legal Aid team can be seen as a step toward improved communities and a better Arkansas.

Sarah Barnett joins Legal Aid of Arkansas as Staff Attorney, as part of the Domestic Violence Prevention Work Group, and as leader of the Children Living in Poverty Project, funded by the United Way of Northwest Arkansas. She was one of the first students to participate in the Legal Aid of Arkansas Spring Break on the Road to Justice Program. Barnett will be based in the Springdale office. She is licensed to practice law in Arkansas and California, respectively. In her spare time, Barnett is a visual artist.

"I am excited to be a part of Legal Aid of Arkansas, where I will provide legal representation for clients and engage with families and local organizations to increase awareness of our available services. I will also further develop collaborative partnerships with local social service, education, and healthcare providers to identify and address barriers that keep families in poverty with the goal of creating individual and systemic interventions to ameliorate poverty," says Barnett.

Trevor Hawkins joins Legal Aid of Arkansas as Staff Attorney, as part of the Economic Justice Work Group, and as Privacy Officer. He obtained his J.D. from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law after earning his B.S. in Business Administration from Arkansas State University. Hawkins is licensed to practice law in Arkansas and will be based in the Jonesboro office. He is also an avid cyclist.

"I am excited to join Legal Aid of Arkansas and its efforts to fight poverty and ensure equal access to justice. As a Northeast Arkansan, it is my goal to make a positive difference in the community that helped make me who I am today," says Hawkins.

Legal Aid of Arkansas is a nonprofit, public interest law firm that provides free legal services to low-income Arkansans with civil legal problems across 31 counties. To apply for assistance or for more information, call (800) 952-9243 or visit [ARLegalAid.org](http://ARLegalAid.org).

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