

PLAN BOARD ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jay Alberstadt, Esq., the President of the Board of Directors of Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (“PLAN”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Patrick Cicero, Esq., as PLAN’s new Executive Director, effective January 15, 2020. Patrick will succeed the current Executive Director, Sam Milkes, who has held that position since 2001.

Patrick is currently the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Utility Law Project, a statewide legal aid program that is part of the PLAN network of programs. Before that, he has clerked for the Honorable Sylvia Rambo of the Federal District Court for the Middle District Court of Pennsylvania and he was a staff attorney with MidPenn Legal Services, the 18 county program serving residents of the middle part of the state. Patrick’s resume is attached.

Patrick will begin his employment with PLAN on January 15, 2020 and his and Sam’s tenures will overlap until Sam’s departure on March 31, 2020. A later announcement will clarify the exact date during that overlap when Patrick will assume the full responsibilities as the new Executive Director.

Jay comments, “A hiring committee of the Board of PLAN engaged in a very thorough nationwide search to fill this position and included Board, clients, PLAN programs, and PLAN staff in the interview and search process. We were aided by the skilled professional services of Patricia Pap, Executive Director of Management Information Exchange. We are very pleased with the results of this search and look forward to Patrick’s leadership for years to come.”

Patrick comments, “I am honored to have been selected by the PLAN Board to be PLAN’s next Executive Director. I believe that Pennsylvania has some of the strongest legal aid programs in the country. We have reliable funders, excellent project directors and staff, strong public support, and robust client participation. The strength of our network over the past 18 years is due in large part to Sam’s steady and consistent leadership. I look forward to learning from and working with Sam, the PLAN Board, and our programs over the next several months to ensure a seamless transition.”

Sam comments, “Patrick is an excellent choice for this position, proven out by a thorough national search. He is an experienced leader and will be able to hit the ground running. I very much look forward to working with Patrick during the upcoming transition and to his leadership in the future.”