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**LATASHA BARNES JOINS LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MISSOURI
AS AN ADVOCATE IN THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH ADVOCACY PROJECT**

ST. LOUIS – Latasha Barnes has joined Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) as an Advocate in the St. Louis Children's Health Advocacy Project (SCHAP).

Prior to joining LSEM, Barnes served as an Intern for the Saint Louis University Law Clinic as well as the Missouri State Public Defender Office and the Family Court of St. Louis County. She also served as a Youth Advocacy Intern for the Missouri State Public Defender, an Intellectual Property Case Assistant for Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP in Atlanta, and an Intern for the Paulding County Juvenile Court in Dallas.

While in school, Barnes served as a volunteer for The Haven of Grace, The SPOT, and Northwest Academy.

Barnes received her BA in Political Science from the University of Georgia and her JD from Saint Louis University School of Law. In May 2009, she received the prestigious David Grant Clinic Student Award. The award is given to a third-year law student who has served as an advocate for social justice.

Barnes lives in St. Louis, Mo.

The St. Louis Children's Health Advocacy Project is a new medical-legal partnership established by LSEM with SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, St. Louis Children's Hospital, Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. and the Saint Louis University School of Law Legal Clinic.

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri is an independent, non-profit organization that has provided high quality legal assistance in civil cases to the low-income community for more than 50 years. In 2008, LSEM represented over 6,500 clients in 21 counties.

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Editor's note: Latasha Barnes lives in St. Louis, Mo.