



## Seeking Co-Counsel for Class Action Challenging TN's Management of SNAP

Available

---

### **Project Title**

Seeking Co-Counsel for Class Action Challenging TN's Management of SNAP

### **Scope of Work**

The Tennessee Justice Center, a public interest law firm with extensive experience involving means-tested public benefits programs, seeks co-counsel for a class action challenging Tennessee's management of SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps.

### **Timing**

TJC is currently vetting plaintiffs and drafting its complaint. It would like to confirm its co-counsel by April 15 to ensure a May filing of its complaint.

### **Jurisdiction**

TN, Federal

### **Contact Information**

Please contact Guerby Noel ([guerby@lawfirmantiracismalliance.org](mailto:guerby@lawfirmantiracismalliance.org)) if you are interested in taking on this matter.

### **Description**


The Tennessee Justice Center, a public interest law firm with extensive experience involving means-tested public benefits programs, seeks co-counsel for a class action challenging Tennessee's management of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps). A defective automated eligibility determination system, combined with gross staffing deficiencies and a hostile agency culture,

deny or delay access to critical nutrition assistance for hundreds of thousands of food-insecure Tennessee children and adults. Because of economic inequities, the harmful effects fall disproportionately on people of color: Black Tennesseans comprise only 16.3% of the state's population but 24% of SNAP participants; Latinx Tennesseans comprise 6.4% of the state population but 14% of SNAP participants. Additionally, the complaint will include claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act due to the program's tendency to screen out individuals with disabilities.

TJN is currently vetting plaintiffs and drafting a complaint to file in May. The complaint will be similar to a pending SNAP suit in Alaska that is attached for review.

**Subtasks (0)**

**Reminders(1)**

 1 day(s) before