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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **ACCESS JUSTICE BROOKLYN ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BOARD MEMBER**

**Brooklyn, New York** -- Access Justice Brooklyn announces the appointment of one new member to its Board of Directors following election at the organization's meeting held on March 9, 2022.

Joining Access Justice Brooklyn's Board of Directors is Samuel O. Maduegbuna, Founding Partner at Maduegbuna Cooper LLP. Upon his election, Mr. Maduegbuna shared the following:

*"I am incredibly excited to join in the most important and sorely needed work the Access Justice Brooklyn Board is doing – providing access to justice to underserved citizens of Brooklyn and the greater New York City. I look forward to contributing in Access Justice Brooklyn's mission, particularly as it assists and aids the ever-growing recent immigrant members of this most important city in the world."*

As COVID-19 safeguards lift and court procedures resume, many Brooklynites are finding themselves in urgent need of legal assistance. Access Justice Brooklyn is dedicated to serving our community and creating a fairer and more accessible legal system by engaging leaders like Mr. Maduegbuna and expanding our network and partnerships within the law firms and businesses that call New York City their home.

*"I am so pleased that Samuel Maduegbuna is joining the Access Justice Brooklyn board. Both personally and professionally, Sam is a passionate and committed advocate for equal access to justice and for ensuring that all New Yorkers can exercise their rights on an equal playing field,"* said Stephen Z. Williamson, Secretary and Board Resource and Governance Committee Co-Chair, Access Justice Brooklyn Board of Directors.

Mr. Maduegbuna joins a 22 – member board that oversees the Access Justice Brooklyn's governance and strategic development including: Lynn E. Judell, Schwartz Sladkus Reich Greenberg Atlas LLP, Chair; Lawrence F. DiGiovanna, Abrams Fensterman, Vice Chair; Scottye Lindsey, Santander Bank, Treasurer; Stephen Z. Williamson, Law Office of Stephen Z. Williamson, P.L.L.C., Secretary; Daniel Angel,



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Board recruitment efforts continue as Access Justice Brooklyn seeks diverse candidates who possess the combined interests, skills, values, enthusiasm, and dedication needed to fulfill the organization's mission, surpass its goals, and strategically propel Access Justice Brooklyn to its next 30 years.

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### **About Access Justice Brooklyn:**

Access Justice Brooklyn partners with compassionate pro bono attorneys to provide high-quality, civil legal services that help ensure equal access to the legal system. The organization's approach prioritizes the most basic, essential elements and experiences of human life, including housing, family stability, and subsistence income. Its proven pro bono model—recruit, train, supervise, and support—also provides flexibility to address new legal issues as they emerge. Everyone, whether an attorney or not, has a role to play in expanding access to justice. Visit [www.accessjusticebrooklyn.org](http://www.accessjusticebrooklyn.org) or email [info@accessjusticebk.org](mailto:info@accessjusticebk.org) to volunteer, donate, or find other ways to get involved.

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