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## **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOARD MEMBER RECRUITMENT PROFILE**

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Founded in 1990, Access Justice Brooklyn is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that provides high-quality, pro bono legal services and community education to our neighbors in need. Using the collective talents of our dedicated staff and volunteers, we help ensure a more accessible legal system and equitable Brooklyn. Our approach involves recruiting, training, and mentoring pro bono volunteers from a range of legal backgrounds – a proven service model that we pioneered and have maintained since our founding. Central to achieving our mission, this partnership with pro bono volunteers allows us to assist far more individuals than we could alone and gives us critical flexibility to address new legal issues as they emerge. The success of this model is evidenced by the positive results we achieve for thousands of Brooklynites each year: stabilizing custody, visitation and support obligations, obtaining divorces, addressing end of life issues, obtaining Article 17A guardianship, preventing foreclosure and negotiating loan modifications, and halting or reducing debt collection. Last year our services benefitted over 12,200 individuals and families, made possible through the support of 204 pro bono attorneys and other volunteers who collectively donated over 5,520 hours of legal assistance to the Brooklyn community.

The Young Professionals Board (YPB) of Access Justice Brooklyn was established to support the organization's Board of Directors and its goal of making the legal system more accessible and equitable for low-income Brooklyn residents. The YPB unites rising talent professionals across the legal and non-legal sectors who are motivated to utilize their time, experience, and diverse skill sets in service of Access Justice Brooklyn's mission. The YPB serves as an advisor to and agent of the full Board, driving an array of activities including community outreach and program expansion, event planning and fundraising, and providing strategic guidance to the organization.

Currently, the Access Justice Brooklyn YPB consists of 6 members. In our continuing strategic growth efforts, we now seek to add several new YPB members. We are looking for members who will actively use their contacts and build new ones on behalf of the organization and who will engage in fundraising and networking on behalf of the organization. We are seeking members that are lawyers and non-lawyers with the interests, expertise, skills, energy, and commitment needed to fulfill the YPB's mission and goals. Candidates interested in and experienced in finance, governance, nominating, and development are particularly desired.

### **Access Justice Brooklyn is looking for new YPB members with:**

- Communications/PR experience
- Event Planning
- Fundraising/Resource Development
- Marketing/Social Media
- Project Management



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**Major responsibilities include:**

- Attend YPB meetings (4 per year) and any special meetings
- Attend governing board meetings and governing board committee meetings, as needed
- Participate in programmatic events, community outreach, and other YPB activities
- Participate in fundraising, events, cultivation, and other events
- Participate in social media campaigns and fundraising campaigns, with personal and meaningful contribution by each member
- Make strategic connections and introductions for the organization
- Provide guidance to staff and governing board as needed
- Engage in and promote pro bono opportunities

**Terms of service:** currently no defined terms, in 2025 there will be 3-year terms

**Annual budget:** \$2 million

**Current number of YPB Members:** 6

For more information about Access Justice Brooklyn, visit our website at [www.accessjusticebrooklyn.org](http://www.accessjusticebrooklyn.org)

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