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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOARD RECRUITMENT PROFILE

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.

Currently, the Access Justice Brooklyn Young Professionals Board consists of 7 members. In our continuing strategic growth efforts, we now seek to add several new members. We are looking for young professionals who are dedicated and socially conscious individuals with a deep commitment to access to justice and who have a passion for helping underserved communities in Brooklyn. Strong leadership abilities, a collaborative spirit, and a network of connections within the legal, nonprofit, or corporate sectors are highly valued. We also welcome candidates who bring innovative ideas and a strong desire to make a positive impact on the lives of those we serve.

Access Justice Brooklyn is looking for new Young Professionals Board members with:

- Communications/PR experience including social media and marketing
- Event planning experience
- Law firm/legal experience
- Finance background
- Networking and fundraising ability/capacity
- Project management experience

Major responsibilities include:

- Attend young professionals board meetings (4 per year)
- Participate in annual fundraising, cultivation, and programmatic events
- Make strategic connections and introductions for the organization
- Fundraising and outreach, strengthening and diversifying Access Justice Brooklyn's financial base including a personal and meaningful contribution by each YPB member
- Engage in and promote pro bono opportunities with Access Justice Brooklyn



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ABOUT THE YPB:

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 Board of Directors, driving an array of activities including community outreach and program expansion, event planning and fundraising, and providing strategic guidance to the organization.

For more information about Access Justice Brooklyn, visit our website at www.accessjusticebrooklyn.org

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