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ACCESS JUSTICE BROOKLYN ANNOUNCES THE ELECTION OF A NEW BOARD MEMBER

Brooklyn, New York — Access Justice Brooklyn announces the election of a new member to its Board of Directors following the organization's meeting held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Joining Access Justice Brooklyn's Board of Directors is Alana Montas, Counsel, Department of Enforcement at FINRA. Upon her election, Alana shared the following:

"I am delighted to be joining the Board of Access Justice Brooklyn, an organization dedicated to providing equal access to legal services across Brooklyn. As an experienced litigator, I helped pro bono clients navigate the many challenges of the legal system to obtain favorable results. I look forward to continuing to advocate for the Brooklyn community and advancing the mission of Access Justice Brooklyn."

Access Justice Brooklyn thrives on the commitment of individuals like Alana who bring their expertise and compassion to the forefront.

"We are incredibly excited to welcome Alana to the Access Justice Brooklyn Board. Throughout her career, Alana has had a significant impact intervening at pivotal moments to guide her pro bono clients through the legal system and change their lives for the better. Her dedication to her craft and compassion for others makes her an ideal member of the Board, and her passion for all things Brooklyn aligns perfectly with our mission. I can't wait to begin working together in service of the Brooklyn community," said Michael Watson, Secretary, Access Justice Brooklyn Board of Directors.

Alana joins a 21-member board that oversees Access Justice Brooklyn's governance and strategic development including: Lynn E. Judell, Rukab Brash PLLC, Chair; Stephen Z. Williamson, Law Office of Stephen Z. Williamson, P.L.L.C., Vice Chair; Lisa Braun, PwC, Treasurer; Michael Watson, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Secretary; Jack Aldrich, BlackRock; Daniel Angel, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP; Elena Bonifacio, Google; Caroline Conway, Stonepeak; Akshay Dhiman, Lazard; Brian Fryd, Cornerstone Research; Adam B. Gilbert, Nixon Peabody LLP; Heidi Lee Henderson, Access Justice Brooklyn, President & CEO; Alexander Kaplan, Oppenheim + Zebak, LLP; Colin Kelly, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP; Mark Lande, Island Capital Group LLC; Trish Lilley, Thompson Coburn LLP; Samuel O. Maduegbuna, Maduegbuna Cooper LLP; Lee Popkin, Proskauer Rose LLP; Adam Shepherd, Macquarie Group; William Zichawo, Blackstone; Lauren Zimmerman, Selendy Gay PLLC.



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Board recruitment efforts continue as Access Justice Brooklyn seeks diverse candidates – lawyers and cross industry professionals – who possess the combined values, dedication, expertise, networks, and skills needed to fulfill the organization’s mission, address evolving legal challenges, strengthen holistic programming, secure new stakeholders, and strategically propel Access Justice Brooklyn to new levels of impact.

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.

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