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## ABOUT ACCESS JUSTICE BROOKLYN

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A pioneer of contemporary pro bono models and a progressive force in the community, Access Justice Brooklyn (AJB) has provided free, high-quality legal services and education to our neighbors in need for over 35 years, helping ensure a more accessible legal system and equitable Brooklyn. We focus on services that contribute to the economic security of Brooklyn households, so income does not represent a barrier to legal help and financial stability.

In civil legal cases, New Yorkers are often forced to navigate the complex justice system alone due to the limited availability of affordable legal support – producing inequitable results for those with resources compared to those without. Access Justice Brooklyn seeks to close this gap for individuals facing foreclosure, insurmountable debt, and other threats to their economic security – strengthening Brooklyn families and communities.

To maximize our impact, AJB recruits, trains, and mentors compassionate volunteers who join our staff in providing legal services to the Brooklyn community. The success of this approach is evidenced by our impact: in the last year AJB provided high-quality representation, advice, community education, financial literacy workshops, and other services that benefited nearly 15,000 individuals and families, made possible with the support of over 260 pro bono attorneys and cross industry professionals. We also helped our clients obtain more than \$3.3 million in financial benefits and savings, underscoring the importance of attorney support in achieving meaningful outcomes.

## BOARD MEMBER RECRUITMENT PROFILE

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Currently, the Access Justice Brooklyn board consists of 18 members. In our continuing strategic growth efforts, we now seek to add several new board members. We are looking for board 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 board members that are lawyers and cross-industry professionals with the interests, expertise, skills, energy, and commitment needed to fulfill the board's mission and goals. Candidates interested in and experienced in finance, governance, fundraising, and strategic partnership development are particularly desired.

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

- Corporate management experience
- Nonprofit board experience
- Law firm/legal experience
- Real estate, banking, or financial management experience
- New York City business or community leadership experience
- Fundraising/development experience and/or special events production experience
- Networking and fundraising ability/capacity
- Marketing/ public relations expertise



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- Government and/or political connections
- Advocacy/Policy experience

**Major responsibilities include:**

- Attend board meetings (4 per year) and committee meetings
- Active committee participation; members belong to at least 2 committees and each committee meets at least once before each board meeting
- Participate in annual fundraising, cultivation, and programmatic events
- Meet Give and Get requirement of at least \$10,000 per year, with personal and meaningful contribution by each board member
- Make strategic connections and introductions for the organization
- Organizational and strategic leadership, advisement, and governance
- Financial management and governance, including adoption and oversight of annual budget
- Fundraising and outreach, strengthening and diversifying Access Justice Brooklyn's financial base

**Terms of service:** 3-year terms

**Annual budget:** \$2.6 million

**Current number of Board Members:** 18

For more information about Access Justice Brooklyn, visit our website at

[www.accessjusticebrooklyn.org](http://www.accessjusticebrooklyn.org)

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