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ABOUT ACCESS JUSTICE BROOKLYN

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.

ABOUT AJB'S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOARD

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.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOARD RECRUITMENT PROFILE

Currently, the Access Justice Brooklyn Young Professionals Board consists of 9 members. In our continuing strategic growth efforts, we seek to add several new members in CY2026. 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, finance, 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.



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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; in person attendance preferred, virtual option available)
- Participate in annual fundraising, cultivation, and programmatic events
- Make strategic connections and introductions for the organization
- Fundraising and outreach, strengthening and diversifying AJB's financial position including a personal and meaningful contribution by each YPB member
- Engage in and promote pro bono opportunities with AJB and make connections to potential partners

Terms of service: 3-year terms

Annual budget: \$2.6 million

Current number of Young Professionals Board Members: 9

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

www.accessjusticebrooklyn.org

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