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ABOUT ACCESS JUSTICE BROOKLYN

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 and finance backgrounds – a proven service model that we pioneered and have maintained and grown 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: Last year our services benefitted over 15,100 individuals and families, made possible through the support of 253 *pro bono* volunteers who collectively contributed over 5,606 hours of service to the Brooklyn community. Through our intervention in foreclosure, bankruptcy, elder law, consumer debt, and family law matters, we also obtained over \$3.06 million in financial benefits and savings for our clients.

AJB staff and volunteers also participated in 24 community outreach events to reach nearly 790 community members, ensuring Brooklyn residents know their rights and making legal help accessible in our clients' communities.

BOARD MEMBER RECRUITMENT PROFILE

Currently, the Access Justice Brooklyn board consists of 19 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: 19

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

Contact: Board Resource and Governance Committee Co-Chairs, Daniel Angel, dangel@gibsondunn.com, 212-351-2329 and Steve Williamson steve@nytrialesquire.com, 516-321-9481 or Melissa Starr, Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, melissa@accessjusticebk.org, 718-473-9209