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BROOKLYN BAR ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF 2 NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Brooklyn, New York — The Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) announces the appointment of two new members to its Board of Directors following election at the organization's annual board meeting held on February 10, 2021.

Joining the VLP's Board of Directors are Brian Fryd, a Principal at Cornerstone Research and Jennifer Tan, MBA, MPH. Upon their election, the new members shared the following:

"I am delighted to join the VLP Board and to work with its leadership, volunteers, and professional staff to provide access to much-needed legal services and justice, particularly at this critical time," said Brian.

"I am thrilled to join the VLP Board and contribute to its 30-year legacy of meeting underserved legal needs of the Brooklyn community. Brooklyn has been a second home to me for much of my life, and it's nothing short of an honor to give back to it in this way," said Jennifer.

Amid the fall-out of the ongoing global pandemic, it is those who are most vulnerable among us that continue to be in the greatest need of immediate assistance. As a result, the VLP has engaged leaders like Brian and Jennifer to help level the playing field for thousands of marginalized and overlooked Brooklynites through the expansion of the VLP's network and strengthening of its partnerships within the NYC legal and business communities.

"We are excited to welcome Brian and Jennifer to the VLP's Board of Directors. Their unique personal experience, perspective, and honed expertise combined with such a deep understanding, shared commitment, and passion for justice will serve the VLP well and help in the advancement of the organization's mission," said Stephen Z. Williamson, Secretary and Board Resource and Governance Committee Co-Chair, VLP Board of Directors.

Brian and Jennifer join a 19 – member board that oversees the VLP's finances and strategic development including: Lynn E. Judell, Schwartz Sladkus Reich Greenberg Atlas LLP, Chair; Lawrence F. DiGiovanna, Abrams Fensterman, Vice Chair; Scottye Lindsey, Deutsche Bank, Treasurer; Stephen Z. Williamson, Law Office of Stephen Z. Williamson, P.L.L.C., Secretary; Daniel Angel, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP; Lisa Braun, PwC; Caroline Conway, Stonepeak Infrastructure Partners; Jeffrey B. Gewirtz, BSE Global; Adam B. Gilbert, Nixon Peabody LLP; Sean Mikala Gray, Capital One; Heidi Lee Henderson, Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, President; Alexander Kaplan, Oppenheim + Zembrak, LLP; Colin S. Kelly, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP; Mark Lande, Island Capital Group LLC; Michael Leahy, American International Group, Inc.; Thanya Polonio-Jones, Goldman Sachs; Adam Shepherd, Macquarie Group; Michael Watson, Ford Foundation; and Steven Zerkowitz.

During these challenging times and at such a pivotal point in the VLP's organizational lifecycle, board recruitment efforts continue as the VLP seeks diverse candidates who possess the combined interests, skills, values, enthusiasm, and dedication needed to fulfill the organization's mission, surpass its goals, and propel the VLP to its next 30 years.

About the VLP:

The mission of the Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP), an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is to ensure that the legal system is accessible to those who, because of special needs or the overwhelming burden of poverty, would not otherwise have their rights protected or their voices heard. Since 1990, the VLP has harnessed the powerful pro bono commitment of the private bar to provide critical civil legal services and equal access to the justice system to thousands of Brooklyn residents. As an essential legal lifeline, the VLP remains uniquely responsive to the evolving legal needs of Brooklyn's overlooked and underserved communities.

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