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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 meeting held on October 6, 2021.

Joining the VLP's Board of Directors are Lydia Keane Reynolds, Interim Senior Legal Counsel at FARFETCH, and Elena Bonifacio, Director of People Operations at Cameo. Upon their election, the new members shared the following:

"I am thrilled to join the board of the Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project and support the great work to ensure that all Brooklynites have fair and equal access to justice," said Elena.

"I am delighted to be joining the board of directors of the Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project. As an attorney and a resident of Brooklyn, it is an honor to serve an organization with a long history of providing vital legal services to the people of Brooklyn," said Lydia.

As we continue to make strides, the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic weigh heavily on our community every day. The VLP stands committed to closing the justice gap by engaging leaders like Elena and Lydia and expanding our network and partnerships within the law firms and businesses that call New York City their home.

"We are excited to welcome Elena and Lydia to the VLP's Board of Directors. As longtime Brooklynites, their undeniable passion for helping their community combined with such unique and diverse professional talents, will help drive the successful advancement of the organization's mission and elevate our core values—respect, dignity, and justice," said Stephen Z. Williamson, Secretary and Board Resource and Governance Committee Co-Chair, VLP Board of Directors.

Lydia and Elena join a 23 – member board that oversees the VLP's governance and strategic development including: Lynn E. Judell, Schwartz Sladkus Reich Greenberg Atlas LLP, Chair; Lawrence F. DiGiovanna, Abrams Fensterman, Vice Chair; Scottye Lindsey, Santander 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; Elizabeth Dank, Esq.; Brian Fryd, Cornerstone Research; 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; Lee Popkin, Proskauer Rose LLP; Adam Shepherd, Macquarie Group; Jennifer Tan, MBA, MPH; Michael Watson, Ford Foundation; and Steven Zerkowitz.

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 strategically 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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