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# University Settlement appoints Patrick Michel to its Board of Directors

**New York, NY** – Patrick Michel (*Partner, Sidley Austin LLP*) has been elected to University Settlement’s Board of Directors, the nation’s first settlement house announced today.

Patrick has over fifteen years’ experience in the legal field, where he advises investment managers and advisors of a range of investment funds, including private equity funds, hedge funds, real estate funds, and venture capital funds, on commercial and regulatory issues.

Patrick was named to Crain’s New York Business’s 2021 “Notable Black Leaders & Executives” list for his leadership and public service in diversity and inclusion. He is also recommended by The Legal 500 for his work in Investment Fund Formation and Management: Alternative/Hedge Funds and Investment Fund Formation and Management: Private Equity Funds. Patrick was also selected by The Partnership for New York City as a member of the 2022 David Rockefeller Fellows. This program prepares senior corporate executives for more active leadership in civic and public affairs.

Patrick serves on Sidley’s Accounting and Finance, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committees, and is the founder of Friends in Alternatives, a network for lawyers and compliance officers of color in the asset management space. He mentors underserved young people through Legal Outreach, which prepares urban students for academic success through legal and educational programs.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Patrick to our Board, and we look forward to benefiting from his advice and counsel,” said **Melissa E. Aase**, *CEO of University Settlement*. “His demonstrated and recognized commitment to building opportunities for people of color in the legal field and beyond directly align him with our mission.”

“I’m deeply personally invested in ensuring that New York City’s young people have a place to grow , and University Settlement has been a leader in that work for generations ,” said **Michel**. “Inspired by the impact the Settlement makes every day in this city I’m proud to call

home, I am honored to have the opportunity to help its teams continue to build community strength in Brooklyn and on the Lower East Side.”

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## **About University Settlement**

University Settlement partners with 40,000 New Yorkers on the Lower East Side and in Brooklyn every year to build on their strengths as they achieve healthy, stable, and remarkable lives. For over 135 years, we’ve collaborated with our neighbors to pioneer highly effective programs that fight poverty and systemic inequality. Established in 1886 as the first Settlement House in the United States, we bring the values of that movement into the 21st century by meeting New Yorkers where they live, listening deeply to all perspectives, engaging with every individual holistically, and creating space for people to organize. Joining together with our neighbors to advocate for justice and equality, we help build community strength.

We work with New Yorkers of all ages. We infuse a commitment to civic engagement, equity, and communal action into each of our programs, which include early childhood education, mental health and wellness, benefits assistance and eviction prevention, adult literacy and education, healthy aging, community and recreation centers, performing and visual arts, and youth development.

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