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# University Settlement appoints Peter B. Siroka to its Board of Directors

**New York, NY** – Peter B. Siroka (*Partner, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP*) has been elected to University Settlement’s Board of Directors, the nation’s first settlement house announced today.

Peter specializes in restructuring and insolvency at Fried Frank, which he joined in 2006. An attorney with a broad range of transactional and litigation experience in representing troubled companies and their creditors, he is recognized by *Legal 500* in Finance: Restructuring (including Bankruptcy): Corporate.

After graduating cum laude from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Peter earned his J.D. cum laude from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. A life-long New Yorker, he lives in Brooklyn with his family.

"We are grateful to welcome Peter to our Board," said **Melissa E. Aase**, CEO of University Settlement. "Peter’s deep roots in New York City and strong commitment to his neighbors make him an excellent fit for our community. Fried Frank has long been a significant supporter of our agency, and adding Peter to our board further strengthens our partnership."

"I am thrilled to join the board of an organization that makes a tremendous impact in the lives of thousands of New Yorkers every year," said **Siroka**. "For generations, University Settlement has listened and responded to the priorities of its neighbors, and I am looking forward to partnering with its leaders as we continue to build on that vital legacy."

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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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