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HER JUSTICE NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LEX KORBERG

July 31, 2024, New York City – Her Justice, a nonprofit organization that harnesses pro bono legal talent to provide free legal services to NYC women living in poverty, has named Lex Korberg as its new Executive Director effective September 9, 2024. Korberg will succeed Amy Barasch, Her Justice’s Executive Director for the last ten years.

Korberg (they/them) is leaving the preeminent law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, where they served as a partner in the Litigation Department and as Deputy Chair of the M&A Litigation Practice Group. In addition to their robust commercial disputes and trial practice, Lex has developed a nationally-recognized constitutional impact litigation practice and has litigated well over a dozen important civil and human rights cases in courts across the country, including three cases at the Supreme Court. Lex represented LGBTQ+ rights pioneer Edie Windsor in the first Supreme Court case establishing a constitutional right to same-sex marriage; their longtime client, Mississippi’s last abortion provider, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*; and most recently trans youth challenging Idaho’s criminal ban on gender affirming care.

“I am profoundly honored to be chosen as Her Justice’s next Executive Director,” said **Korberg**. “I have loved my time at Paul, Weiss, and I am so grateful to the firm for its unwavering commitment to social justice and for the tremendous opportunities I’ve had to stand up for marginalized people across the country. In these exceptionally challenging times, I feel called to commit myself full-time to public service and am so privileged I get to do that here in my own community. I am eager to partner with the exceptional Her Justice staff and Board to build on the great work that has been done to advance justice for the resilient women and families of New York.”

“Lex was the Board’s unanimous choice to be the next Executive Director of Her Justice,” said **Kelley Cornish, Her Justice Board Chair**. “Under Amy Barasch’s decade of strong leadership, Her Justice has firmly rooted itself as a leading provider of free legal services in New York City. We are now poised to dramatically increase our impact on the communities we serve, including through systemic change. Lex joins us from one of the City’s most prestigious law firms, and their lifelong commitment to social justice, gender equality, and pro bono legal services uniquely equips them to lead the critical work that lies ahead.”

Lex has received numerous awards and recognitions as a tireless defender of women’s rights, LGBTQ+ people, and immigrants, for their high-profile litigation achievements, and for their commitment to improving the legal profession. Alexia’s work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, the *National Law Journal*, *The American Lawyer*, *Slate*, and elsewhere, and they are regularly invited to speak throughout the nation about their practice.

“Lex is a brilliant lawyer and wonderful colleague who has made an indelible contribution to Paul, Weiss’ long legacy of social impact,” said **Brad Karp, Chairperson of Paul, Weiss**. “While this is a great loss for the firm, we are so proud that one of our own will be leading Her Justice to advance the rights of women and children right here in New York. It is a powerhouse combination to have Lex at the helm of such an important institution in our city.”

Amy Barasch added, “Lex is a bold and exciting choice for the leadership of Her Justice. Their clear strategic vision for the potential of pro bono at this key inflection point in our organization’s history and in the legal profession at large, as well as their commitment to gender justice and sophisticated understanding of how to partner across communities, make Lex the right person to lead Her Justice into its future. I am certain that the outstanding Her Justice team will thrive under Alexia’s leadership, and I look forward to watching this exciting next chapter for this incredible organization.”

The Her Justice Board of Directors Search Committee led a rigorous national search in partnership with Koya Partners/ Diversified Search Group, a search firm that specializes in placing CEOs in mission-driven roles.

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About Her Justice

Her Justice is a nonprofit organization dedicated to standing with women living in poverty in New York City by providing free legal counsel to address individual and systemic legal barriers. Since 1993, Her Justice has provided life-changing services to over 45,000 women and children and has pursued policies that have bettered the experiences and outcomes of hundreds of thousands more. Her Justice is committed to creating a more fair and functional civil justice system for women in New York City, so they can build safer, stronger futures for themselves, their families, and their communities.

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