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University Settlement appoints Eric B. Gyasi to its Board of Directors

New York, NY – Eric B. Gyasi (*Partner, BakerHostetler LLP*) has been elected to University Settlement’s Board of Directors, the nation’s first settlement house announced today.

At BakerHostetler, Eric guides clients through catastrophic cybersecurity incidents, including ransomware attacks, network breaches, and critical infrastructure intrusions. He advises clients addressing cybersecurity enterprise risks and implementing cybersecurity governance frameworks in compliance with federal, state, and sector-specific regulations.

His significant board, fiduciary, and non-profit experience includes selection by the Partnership for New York City as a member of the 2023 David Rockefeller Fellows, an immersive professional development program to prepare senior business executives for active engagement in civic and public affairs. Eric is a trustee of the Hackley School where he serves as Secretary of the Board. He served on Manhattan’s Community Board 1, where he represented Lower Manhattan in city government and community affairs, from 2017 until 2021. A lifelong New Yorker, he lives with his wife and two young sons in Lower Manhattan.

“Eric’s longstanding and significant commitment to our Lower Manhattan communities make him a perfect fit for our Board,” said **Melissa E. Aase**, *CEO of University Settlement*. “We’re looking forward to counting on his counsel, including his deep cybersecurity expertise, which will add valuable perspective to our governance.”

“I am honored to join the Board of one of the most dynamic and impactful nonprofit organizations creating opportunities for thousands of New Yorkers every year,” said **Gyasi**. “I’m very much looking forward to helping University Settlement continue to build community strength in Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn.”

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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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