NYCON APPOINTS A DIVERSITY & INCLUSION MANAGER AND ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Albany, N.Y. â€“ July 23, 2019 â€“ The New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc. (NYCON), a Menands-based statewide association with approximately 3,000 nonprofit members, is proud to announce and welcome Minika N. Udoko, JD as the Organizational Development Associate and Diversity & Inclusion Manager, as well as Katherine Button, Esq. as Associate Attorney.

Ms. Udoko comes to NYCON from the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) where for the past year, she was the Diversity and Inclusion Specialist. In that role, she was responsible for overseeing the Associationâ€™s efforts to increase diversity and inclusion in the Association and the legal profession through educational programming and outreach in coordination with the Associationâ€™s committees and sections. Prior to that role change, she was the Manager of Section and Solo-Small Firm Member Outreach and a Special Projects Lead. Minika received her bachelorâ€™s degree in History/Political Science from Brenau University Womenâ€™s College in Gainesville, GA and her Juris Doctorate from Pace University School of Law in White Plains, NY. â€œI am excited about the opportunity to work with the NYCON corporate family and non-profit members to provide services designed to help them enhance their diversity and inclusion efforts,â€ stated Minika. Ms. Udoko will provide a wide range of governance and management training and consulting services to nonprofits throughout the state including but not limited to strategic planning, board development, fundraising planning, program development and evaluation, and general organizational assistance. She will also be central in organizing and leading a Diversity and Inclusion Initiative for both the NYCON corporate family and our nonprofit members.

Before joining NYCON as an Associate Attorney, Katherine (Kate) Button, Esq. spent nearly a decade representing sick, injured, or otherwise disabled individuals before the Social Security Administration at private law firms in the Capital District. Kate graduated from SUNY Albanyâ€™s Psychology Program, winning numerous awards for her outreach work and community service. She also holds a Juris Doctorate from Albany Law School. Ms. Button is responsible for tackling the myriad legal concerns confronting NYCONâ€™s members with a primary focus on corporate, tax, employment and contract law. â€œI am grateful to have been given an opportunity to work in a position that aligns so well with my personal convictions and allows me to assist many wonderful non-profits throughout the state,â€ she said.

About the New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc. (NYCON)

NYCON and its affiliates provide a comprehensive suite of services designed to meet the diverse needs of nonprofits throughout New York State and beyond. We are leaders in delivering top-rate, innovative programs in almost every area of nonprofit operations and governance, helping nonprofits achieve sustainability and growth. NYCON provides a full range of business and capacity building services including accessible, expert consulting and customized training through seasoned nonprofit staff specialists and attorneys. Our 3,000 members gain access to FREE online trainings, policy reports, and discounts on popular tools, seminars, and publications, along with affordable pricing on choice employee benefit plans, a members-only Directors and Officers liability policy, and more. Our affiliates include Council Services Plus, a for-profit insurance brokerage social enterprise; Innovative Charitable Initiatives, fiscal sponsorship and employment administration services to emerging and established nonprofits; and Governance Matters, a comprehensive board building solution providing board recruitment, education and development service with a digital board-matching and education platform, charitySTRONG, tailored for NYS nonprofits.

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