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The Bail Project Announces Two Additions to its Central Support Team

The Bail Project welcomes Yemi Adegbonmire as General Counsel and Lydia Gray Kives as Staff Attorney

(Los Angeles, CA) – The Bail Project is excited to announce the addition of two new members to its central support team. **Yemi Adegbonmire** and **Lydia Gray Kives** have joined The Bail Project as General Counsel and Staff Attorney, respectively.

As General Counsel, Yemi will lead The Bail Project’s legal department in support of the organization’s ongoing national expansion, advocacy efforts, and growing network of local Bail Disruptor teams. Prior to joining The Bail Project, Yemi was a legal executive at the Walt Disney Company where she served as legal counsel to ABC Media Networks, Maker Studios Inc., Disney Consumer Products and Interactive Media, and Disney’s Direct to Consumer and International Division. She earned both a Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University, and holds a Master of Health Science from Johns Hopkins University. Yemi is a former Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Analyst and currently serves on Lambda Legal’s National Board of Directors.

As Staff Attorney, Lydia will oversee legal research and analysis of prospective sites, supervise legal fellows and coordinate pro-bono support initiatives. Lydia is a former Legal Fellow at the ACLU of Southern California, where she focused on criminal justice reform issues. Lydia clerked for the Honorable Raymond C. Fisher of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and for the Honorable John A. Kronstadt of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. She graduated from Stanford Law School, where she served on the Stanford Law Review, the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, and the Three Strikes Project, and holds a Master of Science degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Pennsylvania State University.

““The addition of these two talented attorneys will strengthen our central support team, enabling us to better meet the needs of our local teams and clients,” said **Robin Steinberg**, CEO of The Bail Project. “As we scale our project nationally, Yemi and Lydia’s expertise will be invaluable in helping us develop a multifaceted strategy for changing pretrial systems. We’re thrilled that they are joining The Bail Project.”

About The Bail Project

The Bail Project is a national nonprofit organization on a mission to create a more just and equitable pretrial system in the United States. The team uses a revolving bail fund to provide bail assistance on an unprecedented scale, allowing people who would otherwise languish in pretrial detention to return home to their families while awaiting their court dates. 100% of online donations are used to bring people home. Because bail is returned at the end of a person's case, The Bail Project can use each donated dollar several times a year, maximizing the impact of every contribution. Through these efforts, The Bail Project aims to turn the tide on mass incarceration while helping to advance systemic reforms that address the economic and racial disparities of the bail system. Visit www.bailproject.org

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