

# UNION SETTLEMENT

## 2018-2019 Union Settlement Associate Board

**Ashley Calabrese** is the National Business Development Director at the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's National Headquarters in New York City. In her role, she is responsible for developing strategic partnerships with pharmaceutical, medical device, and diagnostics companies to help further the Foundation's mission. Originally from the Boston area, Ashley has over ten years of experience working in the non-profit sector, specifically in medical, academic, and healthcare advocacy settings. She received an MBA from Northeastern University, and her BA in English from Boston University.

**Jessica Chestler** is a licensed real estate salesperson at CORE. She is from the Upper East Side but grew up in Harrison, NY. Jessica graduated in 2013 with a Communications Degree from The Ohio State University. Before joining CORE, Jessica worked in luxury travel. She has been lucky enough to travel and explore over 30 countries, but her heart is always here in New York.

**Jenna Cooper** is a licensed clinical social worker, working as a child therapist in the Child, Adolescents, and Family Services Program of SBH Health System Behavioral Health in the Bronx. Jenna works with people between the ages of 5 and 21, and with their families, at the outpatient clinic and the school-based satellite clinic at P.S. 85. She provides individual, family, and group therapy, as well as crisis intervention and advocacy. She also supervises graduate school interns working towards their MSWs. Previously she worked at STEPS to End Family Violence, providing therapy to survivors of domestic violence. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Fordham University and a Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University. Originally from Philadelphia, she has lived in New York for 14 years.

**Vanessa Lippman** serves as CORE's Marketing Project Manager, supporting the brokerage's brand management. In this role, she assists with positioning CORE agents, their listings and go-to-market strategies. Vanessa graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Central Florida with a B.S.B.A. in Finance accompanied by a minor in Hospitality Management. She currently resides in Kips Bay.

**Catherine McGahan** serves as Development and External Relations Coordinator for the International Rescue Committee's Texas refugee resettlement office. In this role, she is helping to create and implement a sustainable development strategy, while also focusing on and supporting existing philanthropic efforts. Previously, Catherine worked for Right To Play in New York City, Union Settlement, The New School, Women Moving Millions, and the Kosova Women's Network. She holds a BA in English from Mount Holyoke College and an MA in International Affairs from The New School.

**Romit Mukherjee** is a Lead Business Technologist in the investment management firm, Neuberger Berman. A regular volunteer for the US Meals-on-wheels program, Romit has worked for various Private Equity firms and has over 16 years of professional experience in developing and managing applications in the Alternative Assets space. Romit has Masters degrees in Information Systems, Finance and Management, and BA in Economics.

**Samantha Singh** currently serves as an HR Analyst at KIND, working on their HR Operations team focusing on reporting and analytics, and providing management with key information to make decisions that align with the company's goals and strategy. She began her career in finance working at Prudential. With a background in accounting and finance, she migrated to the world of Human Resources in order to focus on having more human interaction and impact. She is currently pursuing her MBA from Rutgers University expecting to graduate from the program with a concentration in Strategy & Leadership in 2019. Samantha loves to exercise, bake and travel!

**Patrick D. Smith** is a customer engineer with Google Cloud. He was formally the Data Science and Machine Learning Lead for Excella in Arlington, Virginia, where he co-founded the company's artificial intelligence initiatives. Patrick is a graduate of The George Washington University, Elliott School, and is currently pursuing his Masters degree in Software Engineering part time from Harvard University. He is a published author of the book "A Hands on Introduction to Artificial Intelligence" by Packt Publishing. Patrick is a member of the Board of Directors of the PostClassical Ensemble, an orchestra that encourages cross-cultural understanding. He has also helped lead Young Professional's initiatives for the Washington National Opera and DC Jazz Festival. Union Settlement served his great grandfather in the early 1900s. He lives in Stamford, Connecticut with his wife Kristin, and is an avid polo player in his spare time.

**Rasheim Smith** is currently the Human Resources and Office Manager at Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Centers (SEBNC). In his role, he is responsible for the consultation and resolution of workplace issues with a focus on strengthening the organization through strategic planning and other organizational initiatives. Rasheim was born and raised in Bronx, New York. He currently resides in East Harlem. His prior professional experiences include working extensively with disenfranchised children, adolescents, and their families from a strength based perspective to mitigate the social ills of poverty. Rasheim is very passionate about social justice issues that affect impoverished communities. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Lehman College and a Masters of Social Work from Fordham University with a concentration in Clinical and Macro Studies. Rasheim is an active volunteer with iMentor, and enjoys fitness activities in his spare time.