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## **PLSE Announces Kathleen Lee to Board of Directors** Lee Family Continues to Impact Social Justice in Our Communities

Philadelphia, PA – Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity (PLSE) announced at its most recent Board Meeting that Kathleen (Kathy) Lee has been unanimously elected to its Board of Directors.

“We are greatly honored and excited that Kathy is joining us,” said The Honorable Karen Simmons, chair of the PLSE Board of Directors. “Kathy’s wealth of experience, her wisdom, insight and dedication to social justice and equality will serve to help PLSE accomplish our mission and provide the much-needed services and support to under-resourced communities. Kathy’s addition to the Board enhances our ability to bring about systemic reform.”

A resident of Philadelphia, Lee is a retired veteran History and English teacher with the School District of Philadelphia. She also served as director of the first middle school YDSLCS (Youth Driven Service-Learning Centers,) in the country, located in Turner Middle School and her second at the School of the Future. Lee also served as Master Service-Learning Educator for the Docent Training Program for the Belmont Mansion Underground Railroad Museum and helped supporting funding efforts for that work for six years. Lee has her BA from the University of Pennsylvania, and her Masters in Education from Temple University.

“As an educator working for the School District of Philadelphia, learning that one of our students was either killed or found their way into the prison system, was always devastating. It just made educators like myself work harder to provide the resources and opportunities for our students empowering them to live brighter more productive futures,” commented Lee, “I’m honored and excited to join such a worthy Board.”

PLSE Executive Director Renee Chenault Fattah added, “Kathy is continuing her family’s tradition of service to PLSE. Her son Michael Lee Esq, co-founded PLSE and her late husband Bernard Lee Esq. was a transformational supporter, so PLSE is grateful the Lee family’s connection to PLSE continues in Kathy’s new role of governance on our Board.”

**About Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity:** Mass incarceration has resulted in hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians having criminal records that hurt them, their families and neighborhoods for generations. We all should want to help our neighbors get the second chances they have earned, and we can! PLSE works to uplift communities most affected by social justice inequities by providing assistance to neighborhood organizations and individuals who feel that their criminal record is blocking them from jobs, careers, education, credit, housing and other opportunities. For more information about Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity, please visit [www.plsephilly.org](http://www.plsephilly.org)

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