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Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity (PLSE) and Uplift Solutions Announce Strategic Partnership to Expand Pathways from Record Clearing to Employment

Philadelphia, PA – April 14, 2026 — Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity (PLSE) and Uplift Solutions are proud to announce a new strategic partnership aimed at strengthening the pathway from criminal record clearing to meaningful employment opportunities for justice-impacted individuals across Philadelphia.

This collaboration brings together PLSE’s nationally recognized leadership in providing free legal services for record clearing with Uplift Solutions’ expertise in workforce development, job placement, and employer engagement. Together, the organizations will create a more seamless, end-to-end support system that removes barriers and accelerates economic mobility for individuals returning to the workforce.

To celebrate this milestone, ***PLSE and Uplift Solutions will host a Partnership Reception on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, from 5:30–8:00 PM at Cozen O’Connor (1650 Market Street, 28th Floor, Philadelphia, PA)***. The event will convene partners, stakeholders, and supporters to recognize the power of collaboration in advancing justice and opportunity.

“At Uplift Solutions, we believe in creating tangible pathways to economic independence,” said Atif Bostic, CEO of Uplift Solutions. “Partnering with PLSE allows us to deepen our impact by connecting legal empowerment directly to workforce access, ensuring that individuals are supported every step of the way.”

The partnership will focus on coordinated service delivery, shared outreach, and employer engagement strategies designed to increase hiring opportunities for individuals with cleared or eligible records. By aligning their efforts, PLSE and Uplift Solutions aim to reduce recidivism, strengthen communities, and build a more inclusive regional economy.

This work is made possible with the generous support of:

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Together, PLSE and Uplift Solutions are advancing a shared vision: a Philadelphia where a past record does not define a person’s future, and where every individual has a fair opportunity to thrive.

About Uplift Solutions:

Uplift Solutions is a mission-driven nonprofit committed to empowering justice-involved individuals and at-risk youth through holistic, trauma-informed support. By providing access to workforce training, life skills, and wraparound services, Uplift creates real pathways to long-term success. Beyond direct service, the organization actively advocates for systemic reforms that reduce recidivism and build stronger, more equitable communities. For more information go to www.upliftsolutions.org