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Appleseed Welcomes Seven New Board Members

The Appleseed Foundation is pleased to welcome seven new members to our Board of Directors. At its May meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, the Appleseed Foundation Board unanimously elected Beverly Allen, Sharie Brown, Pete Davis, Lisa Dewey, Daniel Dominguez, Markus Green, and Richard Jerome. Lisa Dewey, the Pro Bono Partner for DLA Piper, is a longtime Appleseed board member and is rejoining the board after previously reaching her term limit in 2020. We are thrilled to be joined by seven individuals who will bring such remarkable expertise to the organization.

“I’m honored and humbled to join the Appleseed Foundation Board of Directors,” says Daniel Dominguez, the Local Co-Chair of the Litigation & Trial Department in the Washington, D.C. office of Latham & Watkins. “The Appleseed Foundation has a deep tradition of excellence in advocacy for at-risk and marginalized communities. I hope to be a small part of continuing this tradition and furthering the meaningful impact of the Foundation’s work for these communities.”

Pete Davis, cofounder of the Democracy Policy Network, says, "An important path forward in the fight for a more just America are state-by-state reform efforts. Appleseed, with its inspiring and effective model of seeding and supporting a network of state-by-state justice centers, is one of the great actors in that fight. I am honored to be on the board — and look forward to supporting and cheerleading this growing orchard of justice!"
The new members attended Appleseed’s May board meeting held in Montgomery, Alabama, where they also had the opportunity to meet members of the Appleseed Network who were gathered in the city for Appleseed’s annual all-network convening.

Sharie Brown, retired partner at Troutman Pepper, says, “The Appleseed Foundation board membership allows me to provide meaningful support and engagement, based on my interest, with respect to the highly impactful legal, regulatory, social, and public affairs work of the Appleseed Networks, the Appleseed staff, and Appleseed’s Partners (including law firm pro bono, as well as corporate and organizational sponsorships in the areas of housing equity, civil rights, social justice, voter rights, immigration, school access, prisoner re-entry programs, and the impact of driver license suspensions on underemployed workers, as well as other regional or local issues covered by an Appleseed Network location.)”

“I am honored to join the Board of the Appleseed Network to help this remarkable organization address systemic injustices,” says Richard Jerome, civil rights lawyer and expert in police accountability. “I am inspired by the work of the state Appleseed Centers, using litigation, advocacy and education, to protect vulnerable youth, combat poverty and advance criminal justice reform.”

Read more about our newest board members on our website.

Appleseed continues to work side-by-side with our 18 Appleseed justice centers across the United States and Mexico to build systemic solutions for our communities’ most pressing problems.

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**About Appleseed Foundation**
The Appleseed Foundation sows the seeds of justice by launching new Appleseed centers and supporting collaborations throughout the Appleseed Network.

**About Appleseed Network**
Appleseed is a network of 18 justice centers across the United States and Mexico working together to reduce poverty, combat discrimination, and advance the rule of law. Appleseed Centers unite research, organizing, policy advocacy, and impact litigation to build systemic solutions for their communities' most pressing problems.

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