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**Juvenile Law Center Announces Hiring of Malik Pickett and Max Selver**

*Two new staff attorneys join the organization dedicated to child welfare and justice reform*

**Philadelphia, PA** (February 7, 2020) – Juvenile Law Center is pleased to announce the hiring of two new staff attorneys – Malik Pickett and Max Selver.

Prior to joining Juvenile Law Center, Mr. Pickett worked as an associate attorney with the law firm of Wade Clark Mulcahy, LLP where he litigated personal injury and construction defect cases. Prior to joining that law firm, Mr. Pickett functioned as legislative counsel for the Honorable Pennsylvania State Senators Shirley M. Kitchen and Jay Costa. While at the Pennsylvania Senate, Mr. Pickett worked on legislation prohibiting juvenile life without parole, and was involved in a variety of efforts to improve the adult criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Before working at the Pennsylvania Senate, Mr. Pickett acted as law clerk to the Honorable Judge Charles W. Dortch, Jr., who is the Presiding Judge of the Family Division of the Camden County Superior Court in New Jersey. He graduated from Temple Law School, where he received the Beth Cross Public Interest award for his devotion to public interest work. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Dickinson College where he majored in Law and Policy and minored in Spanish.

Before joining Juvenile Law Center, Mr. Selver was a Litigation Fellow at Youth Represent where he represented young people facing barriers to employment and housing because of contact with the criminal justice system and served as a facilitator of the Youth Justice Research Collaborative (a participatory action research project studying the implementation of New York’s Raise the Age law). Prior to working at Youth Represent, he was a Law Clerk to the Honorable Analisa Torres and the Honorable James C. Francis IV in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Mr. Selver graduated *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif from the New York University School of Law in 2016, where he was an Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Fellow. He holds a B.A. in Government from Harvard College.

“We are thrilled to have Malik and Max join our team,” said Sue Mangold, CEO of Juvenile Law Center. “Both of these talented attorneys bring critical expertise to our organization’s work for rights, dignity, equity and opportunity for youth in the child welfare and justice systems. We are honored to have them working with us.”

Ms. Mangold, Mr. Pickett and Mr. Selver are available for comment and interview.

*Juvenile Law Center advocates for rights, dignity, equity and opportunity for youth in the foster care and justice systems. Founded in 1975, Juvenile Law Center is the first non-profit, public interest law firm for children in the country. We fight for youth through litigation, appellate advocacy and submission of amicus (friend-of-the-court) briefs, policy reform, public*

*education, training, consulting, and strategic communications. Widely published and internationally recognized as leaders in the field, Juvenile Law Center has substantially shaped the development of law and policy on behalf of youth. We strive to ensure that laws, policies, and practices affecting youth advance racial and economic equity and are rooted in research, consistent with children's unique developmental characteristics, and reflective of international human rights values. For more information about Juvenile Law Center's work, visit [www.JLC.org](http://www.JLC.org).*

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