



Carroll Gardens Association, Inc.

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Carroll Gardens Association and Brooklyn Law School partnering to bring free legal services to small businesses

Brooklyn, NY — April 16, 2015 – The Carroll Gardens Association, Inc. (CGA) and the Brooklyn Law School's Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship (CUBE) are partnering to bring CUBE's Consultation Center, a free legal clinic for small businesses, to Southwest Brooklyn. The collaboration, CUBE's first with a Brooklyn based community development organization, will launch April 16, 2015, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the CGA Training Center located at 201 Columbia Street. During the Legal Clinic, attorneys who are Brooklyn Law School alums will provide free one-on-one legal consultations to small businesses and nonprofits with assistance from current Brooklyn Law School students. Topics covered will range from entity formation, intellectual property issues, licensing, permitting, to contracts and leases.

"The Consultation Center is a welcome addition to the array of resources CGA already provides local businesses, including our Entrepreneur Assistance Workshop Series, One-on-One Counseling, and Merchant Association organizing," said Vilma Heramia, CGA Executive Director. "Expanding these services is critical to strengthening the vibrant community of local businesses and homegrown entrepreneurs in Southwest Brooklyn."

"We are excited to be working with CGA to support low-income entrepreneurs in Red Hook, Sunset Park, and beyond," said Ted De Barbieri, Assistant Professor of Clinical Law and Counsel to Brooklyn Law School's CUBE. "The ability to access quality legal services is critical to starting a small business or nonprofit. Brooklyn Law School alums and students are here to support Brooklyn's best resource—our budding entrepreneurs."

Interested participants can register for the 30-minute consultation by contacting the Carroll Gardens Association at (718)243-9301. Women and minority owned businesses based in Southwest Brooklyn are strongly encouraged to inquire.

About Carroll Gardens Association, Inc.

The Carroll Gardens Association, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that has been serving the residents of Southwest Brooklyn for the past 40 years. The organization's mission is to foster a community where residents and families of all income levels can live, work, and thrive. We do this by preserving and developing safe affordable housing, quality housing management practices, promoting small business economic development, as well as providing and linking residents to social services and resources to improve the quality of their lives. You can learn more about our organization by visiting our website at www.carrollgardensassociation.com.

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