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## **New Jersey Institute for Social Justice Appoints Kenneth Tanji of Prudential Financial, Inc. and Elise Boddie, Esq., of Rutgers School of Law to Board of Trustees**

Newark, NJ -- The New Jersey Institute for Social Justice is pleased to announce that Kenneth Tanji, Senior Vice President and Treasurer, Prudential Financial, Inc., and Elise Boddie, Esq., Associate Professor at Rutgers School of Law in Newark, have joined the Institute's Board of Trustees.

"The Institute is honored to have Ken and Elise join our Board of Trustees. Their experience and talent will be invaluable to NJISJ as we move forward promoting social justice and expanding economic opportunities for all New Jersey residents," said Douglas S. Eakeley, Chairman of the NJISJ Board of Trustees.

"Partnership is crucial to the work of the Institute, and we are pleased to work with Ken and Elise as we strive for more fairness in our justice system and more opportunities in our labor market," said NJISJ Interim President and CEO Jerome C. Harris, Jr.

Mr. Tanji has been Senior Vice President and Treasurer at Prudential Financial, Inc. since March 4, 2013. Previously, Mr. Tanji served as Chief Financial Officer of International Businesses at Prudential Financial, Inc. and was responsible for financial and actuarial oversight of the International Insurance companies outside the United States. Mr. Tanji also served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Prudential Investment Management, Inc. (PIM).

Mr. Tanji has served in several additional leadership positions at Prudential, which he joined in 1988. He is a chartered financial analyst and holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Yale University and an MBA in finance from the University of Minnesota.

Ms. Boddie joined the Rutgers faculty in 2013 from the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) where she served as director of litigation and oversaw LDF's nationwide litigation program, including its advocacy in several Supreme Court and federal appellate cases. From 1999 to 2005, she litigated complex affirmative action, employment, and school desegregation cases and also served as LDF's Director of Education and as an Associate Director of Litigation. She is a frequent public speaker, has appeared on television and radio programs, and has lectured at various law schools around the country regarding civil rights matters.

Ms. Boddie received her bachelor's degree cum laude from Yale University and her J.D. cum laude from

Harvard Law School. She also holds a master's degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

**About New Jersey Institute for Social Justice**

The New Jersey Institute for Social Justice is a Newark-based urban research and advocacy organization dedicated to the advancement of New Jersey's urban areas and residents. The Institute works to identify, analyze and address the underlying causes of social and economic disparities and to challenge the barriers that constrain cities and their residents from achieving their full potential.

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