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BPI, Chicago-Based Law and Policy Center, Expands Their Team

Chicago, IL – July 15, 2021—Tamara Reed Tran and Suresh Sharma have joined BPI as Managing Director of Development and External Relations and Managing Director of Finance and Operations.

With over 20 years of fundraising and marketing experience, Tamara’s focus has been to help organizations grow revenue and increase brand recognition. She has worked in a fundraising capacity for UCAN, The Family Institute at Northwestern University, Dystonia Medical Foundation, Rush University Medical Center, and Volunteers of America of Illinois.

Tamara has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago, with a double major in African American Studies and Communications, and she currently serves as Board Chair for *Wisdom Knot* and as the Fundraising & Marketing Chair for *Just Roots*.

Suresh brings his experience managing and growing operations for multiple organizations to BPI. A board-certified business executive, his focus areas have included business strategy and growth, benchmarking, and best practices, operational and financial performance with risk analysis, contracts, cost optimization, process improvements, and project finance.

During his career, Suresh has successfully led numerous business improvement assignments working with executive leadership to develop and execute revenue growth and cost optimization strategies in higher education, healthcare, and manufacturing products.

Suresh has a Master’s in Finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and a Chartered Accountant designation from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. He is a Certified Internal Auditor, a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and a Certified Medical Practices Executive.

“Tammy and Suresh are powerhouses in their respective fields, and they are each deeply committed to using their skills in the work for racial and social justice. They are important additions to BPI’s capacity at an inflection point in our history, as we meet the calls for transformational change,” said Cara Hendrickson, BPI’s Executive Director.

More information about Tamara and Suresh is available on BPI’s website at <https://www.bpichicago.org/about/staff/>.

About BPI

BPI is an innovative public interest law and policy center that advocates for racial and economic justice through its four program areas: Housing, Justice Reform, Police Accountability, and Early Learning. For over 50 years, BPI has been fighting for justice in Chicago and Illinois. Through partnerships with community-based organizations, members of directly impacted groups, government agencies, foundations, and academic institutions, BPI works to change policy that affects people impacted by racial and economic injustice, utilizing a combination of legal and policy research, organizing, advocacy, and litigation.

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