

WESLEY CAINES – BOARD MEMBER

As Reentry and Community Outreach Coordinator at Bronx Defenders, Wesley Caines works within the Civil Action Practice to provide comprehensive reentry and reintegration services to clients and community members. Wesley Caines, a Bronx native, joins The Bronx Defenders from Brooklyn Defender Services where he was Reentry Specialist/Coordinator/Advocate. A graduate of Bard College and New York Theological Seminary, Wesley has a passion for helping people help themselves. He is well suited to the dual task of educating people on issues concerning the criminal justice system as they connect with the positive impact of personal agency within a framework of structural inequality for those who have criminal justice involvement. Wesley is an active member of the American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section, consulting on criminal justice issues. As a Board member for the Brooklyn Community Bail Fund he lends his expertise in the furtherance of helping those who are economically disadvantaged, to improve their criminal justice outcomes through bail. Wesley's life goal is the empowerment of underserved communities, as they become creative self-advocates who challenge policy-makers' notion of the social contract.