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**Joshua Levy, Partner at Ropes & Gray LLP,
Named a Board Member of The Steppingstone Foundation**

BOSTON – July 1, 2015 – The Steppingstone Foundation recently announced the addition of Ropes & Gray partner [Joshua Levy](#) to its Board of Directors, recognizing his two decades of dedicated support for Steppingstone programs, which prepare underserved students for educational opportunities that lead to college success.

The hallmark of Mr. Levy's contribution to the Steppingstone Foundation has been to create a program that enables Steppingstone Scholars to receive pro bono legal counsel from Ropes & Gray, especially on immigration issues that affect their ability to obtain financial aid for college, as well as their ability to live and work legally in the United States. Over the past four years, Ropes & Gray lawyers have contributed 4,200 attorney hours supporting Steppingstone Scholars, enabling multiple Scholars and family members to obtain legal status or permanent residence in the United States, and advising dozens more.

“Josh has been an invaluable supporter for more than 20 years, and we are grateful for everything he has done for Steppingstone and the Scholars we serve,” said Steppingstone's President, Kelly Glew. “As Steppingstone celebrates its 25th year, we are thrilled to have Josh step into this new leadership role. His insight will be crucial to shaping the future of Steppingstone.”

“The Steppingstone Foundation gives high-potential students the keys to unlock doors to academic experiences that might otherwise be out of reach,” said Mr. Levy. “These programs immeasurably increase a student's chances of living the American dream.”

A Newton resident, Mr. Levy earned his B.A. from Brown University and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. At Ropes & Gray, Mr. Levy co-chairs the firm's Government Enforcement Practice Group, the firm's Diversity Committee, and focuses on white collar defense and related civil litigation. He previously spent seven years as a federal prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. In addition to his legal work, Mr. Levy also serves as vice-chair of the Board of Trustees for both Discovering Justice and the Carroll School in Lincoln, Massachusetts.

ABOUT THE STEPPINGSTONE FOUNDATION

Founded in 1990, The Steppingstone Foundation develops and implements programs that prepare underserved students for educational opportunities that lead to college success. Based on the premise that, regardless of circumstance, children can achieve at high levels with effective preparation and support, Steppingstone programs emphasize rigorous standards and achieve meaningful results. Each year, The Steppingstone Foundation provides free college-access programs to 1,600 Boston students. Scholars are admitted in elementary or middle school, and continue to receive preparation and support until they earn their college degrees. For more information about Steppingstone's three programs—The Steppingstone Academy, the College Success Academy, and the National Partnership for Educational Access—please visit www.tsf.org.

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