



Connecting lawyers, nonprofits, and communities

Lawyers Alliance for New York – Pro Bono Opportunities for In-House Attorneys

Lawyers Alliance for New York is the leading provider of business and transactional legal services for nonprofit organizations that are improving the quality of life in New York City neighborhoods. By connecting lawyers, nonprofits, and communities, we help nonprofits to develop affordable housing, stimulate economic development, promote community arts, and operate and advocate for vital programs for children and young people, the elderly, recent immigrants, and other low-income New Yorkers. Business lawyers who volunteer with Lawyers Alliance work with organizations whose missions they admire.

We have designed our pro bono program to enable in-house attorneys to put their legal skills to use to benefit nonprofit organizations. Here is an opportunity to review a contract, update corporate bylaws, negotiate a loan document or lease, counsel a nonprofit manager on employment law questions, provide a sexual harassment training, advise a client about how to protect its name or other intellectual property, or offer other types of welcome legal guidance to nonprofit organizations.

Lawyers Alliance's pro bono model features client outreach, client screening, volunteer support, and volunteer recognition. Our website contains information for interested lawyers (www.lawyersalliance.org/lawyers.php). As to volunteer support, a Lawyers Alliance staff attorney co-counsels every pro bono matter and is available to work with the pro bono attorney on the case. Lawyers Alliance also provides a wide range of model documents and other resources on the Community and Nonprofit Law section of Pro Bono Net (www.probono.net/ny/nonprofit).

Lawyers Alliance invites in-house attorneys to participate in its pro bono program in three ways:

- (1) Take on specific pro bono legal projects, in particular those that involve time commitments and legal issues with which they are comfortable;
- (2) Work with Lawyers Alliance staff attorneys to co-teach a workshop for nonprofit managers (see www.lawyersalliance.org/workshops.php for topics); and
- (3) Participate in a special client intake and legal assessment project with a team of attorneys from a corporate in-house legal department, resources permitting.

We look forward to working with you.

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