

## Mission Statement

Lawyers Alliance for New York is the leading provider of business and transactional legal services for nonprofit organizations and social enterprises that are improving the quality of life in New York City neighborhoods. Our network of pro bono lawyers from law firms and corporations and staff of experienced attorneys collaborate to deliver expert corporate, tax, real estate, employment, intellectual property, and other legal services to community organizations. By connecting lawyers, nonprofits, and communities, Lawyers Alliance for New York helps organizations to develop and provide housing, stimulate economic opportunity, improve urban health and education, promote community arts, and operate and advocate for vital programs that benefit low-income New Yorkers of all ages.

## Lawyers Alliance connects three constituencies

**Lawyers:** Lawyers Alliance volunteers provide invaluable legal services to nonprofits that are creating better communities, while these attorneys develop professional skills and practical experience. Our staff supports volunteers throughout the process.

**Nonprofits:** Lawyers Alliance provides legal help that allows nonprofits to improve programs, address community needs, overcome organizational challenges, and achieve their missions.

**Communities:** Founded in 1969, Lawyers Alliance helps nonprofits to serve the poor and build communities throughout New York City. We serve as a role model for business law pro bono programs around the country.

Lawyers Alliance supports nonprofits as they navigate the coronavirus pandemic and its effects on the City's vulnerable populations.

## What distinguishes Lawyers Alliance for New York?

- ▶ Our focus is strengthening the nonprofit sector.
- ▶ Our clients are improving low-income neighborhoods in the five boroughs of New York City, and many also serve a broader population.
- ▶ We provide services by engaging business and transactional attorneys from top law firms and corporations in meaningful pro bono work.
- ▶ Our pro bono model includes extensive client outreach, careful client screening, valuable volunteer attorney support, and sincere volunteer attorney recognition.
- ▶ Staff members have legal and practical expertise that enhances the client-volunteer experience.
- ▶ Our workshops, legal alerts, and other educational materials extend Lawyers Alliance's reach.
- ▶ The organizations that Lawyers Alliance serves report better programs, finances, and operations because of the advice they receive.
- ▶ We advocate for legislative and regulatory change to benefit resource-constrained nonprofits.
- ▶ We coordinate Exponentum®, a national network of business law pro bono providers serving 15 regions across the country.
- ▶ Thanks to the dedication and support of our many clients, volunteers, and donors, Lawyers Alliance is making a positive impact locally and nationally.

## Annual statistics

- ▶ 2,100 volunteers
- ▶ 1,392 legal matters for 707 clients
- ▶ 1,100+ resource calls for 500+ nonprofits and their attorneys
- ▶ 32 workshops and webinars for nonprofits
- ▶ \$3.6 million operating budget
- ▶ 26 board members
- ▶ 22 staff