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JOIN LAWYERS ALLIANCE IN
BUILDING A BETTER NEW YORK

WELCOME TO THE
2024 BUSINESS LAW & LEADERSHIP GALA!
CELEBRATING
**LAWYERS ALLIANCE FOR NEW YORK AND
ITS PEOPLE, PROGRAMS, AND PURPOSE**

6:00 **Welcome Reception** including music by
Bronx Arts Ensemble

Guest Activities

7:00 **Seated Program**

Welcome by Lawyers Alliance Board Chair

Jeanine C. D. DeFreese

Lawyers Alliance video

Remarks by Lawyers Alliance Executive Director

Elizabeth M. Guggenheimer

Donation Moment

Conversation about the legal and nonprofit
sectors today with:

Jeanine C. D. DeFreese

Deloitte

Blair M. Duncan

Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone
Development Corporation

Crystal M. Lalime, Moderator

Barclays Bank PLC

Doreen E. Lilienfeld

A&O Shearman

Alethea Taylor, PhD, CRC

Hour Children

Award Presentation

8:00 **Post-Program Reception** with more food,
drinks, dessert, puzzles, and the chance to
mingle with Lawyers Alliance staff and Board

9:30 **Farewell**



Since 1969, Lawyers Alliance for New York has led the way, locally and nationally, for effective pro bono services by business and transactional lawyers. Today, our experienced staff and network of more than 2,000 pro bono lawyers from 140 law firms and corporations deliver quality corporate, tax, real estate, employment, intellectual property, and other legal assistance to more than 1,000 nonprofit organizations each year.

Our 2024 Business Law & Leadership Gala is an opportunity to reaffirm the legal and corporate sector's commitment to community service and urban communities. With your participation, Lawyers Alliance can continue to strengthen nonprofits that provide and advocate for economic opportunity, housing, health, education, community arts, and other vital programs that benefit low-income New Yorkers of all ages.

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OUR MUSICAL GUEST



The Bronx Arts Ensemble (BAE) has been bringing the arts to neighborhoods across the Bronx and citywide since 1972, featuring works of diverse cultures, including classical, Latin, Afro-Cuban and world music. BAE's arts-in-education programs have served students since the 1980s through multi-disciplinary teaching residencies during school hours and after-school that culminate in original auditorium programs and in-school art exhibits. For more information, visit <https://www.bronxartsensemble.org/>.

SPEAKER

Jeanine C. D. DeFreese

Deloitte

Jeanine DeFreese is Associate General Counsel at Deloitte LLP, a top global professional services organization founded in 1845. Jeanine has held, and currently holds, leadership positions regarding purpose, diversity, equity, and inclusion. Prior to joining Deloitte in 1999, Jeanine was a corporate attorney at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, where she specialized in equipment finance and international project finance.

Jeanine is Chair of Lawyers Alliance's Board of Directors. She joined the Board in 2018 and has served as Board Vice Chair and a member of multiple Board committees. Several Deloitte attorneys recently provided pro bono consultations to nonprofits as part of Lawyers Alliance's clinic about fiscal and legal compliance.

SPEAKER

Blair M. Duncan

Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone
Development Corporation

Blair Duncan is the President and CEO of the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone Development Corporation (UMEZ), established to administer Empowerment Zone funding to underserved communities. Under his leadership, UMEZ became a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). He plays a key role in providing capital access to neighborhood small businesses, nonprofits, and mixed-use development projects. He joined UMEZ initially as General Counsel in 2003, and has extensive experience in the legal, finance, and nonprofit sectors. Blair draws upon his financial insights and community commitment from previous roles as General Counsel to North General Hospital and various not-for-profit boards, to develop financially healthy neighborhoods.

Blair served on Lawyers Alliance's Board of Directors from 2006 to 2012. UMEZ partners with Lawyers Alliance on projects to strengthen the nonprofit sector, including a recent training on human resources issues for a community arts cohort.

SPEAKER

Crystal M. Lalime

Barclays Bank PLC

Crystal Lalime is the General Counsel for the Investment Bank (IB), and Barclays Bank PLC (BBPLC). Based in New York, Crystal is a member of the IB Management Team and BBPLC Executive Committee. She provides strategic legal advice and guidance to senior management and Board level stakeholders, as well as leadership to the BBPLC Legal team. Crystal has served on Lawyers Alliance's Board of Directors since 2019 and currently is Chair of its Investment Committee.

Barclays is part of Lawyers Alliance's active volunteer network. Barclay's pro bono attorneys most recently assisted nonprofits in pro bono legal clinics focused on best practices for governance, financial reporting, website terms of use, and doing business online.

SPEAKER

Doreen E. Lilienfeld

A&O Shearman

Doreen Lilienfeld is Co-Managing Partner of the U.S. at A&O Shearman, a global law firm formed in 2024 via the merger of two historic firms, Allen & Overy and Shearman & Sterling. She also is a member of the A&O Shearman Executive Committee. She previously was Practice Group Leader for the Global Governance & Advisory Practice Group; Compensation, Governance and ERISA / Private Clients. Her legal practice focuses on executive compensation, corporate governance, and crisis management matters.

During the past twenty years, 330 volunteers from A&O Shearman and its predecessor firms have handled 230 pro bono legal matters for 185 nonprofits through Lawyers Alliance, including dozens handled or supervised by Doreen. She served on Lawyers Alliance's Board 2014-2020, including as Board Secretary, received the 2009 Cornerstone Award for pro bono excellence, and currently is a member of Lawyers Alliance's Board of Advisors. Shearman & Sterling was represented among the first members of Lawyers Alliance in 1969 – which was the year after Doreen was born!

SPEAKER

Dr. Alethea Taylor

Hour Children

Dr. Alethea Taylor, PhD, CRC, is Executive Director at Hour Children, a leading provider of housing, workforce development, family support, and other services for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their families. Before joining Hour Children in early 2022, she was a distinguished lecturer with Hunter College School of Education and served as the Executive Director with Greenhope Services for Women. Her experience also includes management coaching, staff development, serving women and youth, and providing advocacy within the criminal justice community.

Hour Children has been a valued Lawyers Alliance client for more than 20 years. Lawyers Alliance staff and more than 30 pro bono attorneys from 15 law firms and corporations have worked with Hour Children on real estate, employment, risk management, contract and other legal matters, supporting the organization in its efforts to end the cycle of intergenerational incarceration.

SPEAKER

Elizabeth M. Guggenheimer

Lawyers Alliance for New York

Liz Guggenheimer is the Executive Director of Lawyers Alliance. Working with a dedicated Board and staff, she leads Lawyers Alliance's initiatives to serve and strengthen organizations improving quality of life in New York neighborhoods.

Liz's aims and wishes for Lawyers Alliance and its services include:

- Large volume, large impact
- High quality, high impact
- Broad reach, broad impact
- Continued teamwork, continued impact

Liz has been with Lawyers Alliance for more than 24 years, in multiple legal and leadership roles, and Executive Director since 2019. She is thankful for Lawyers Alliance's past, present, and future constituents and supporters for being part of Lawyers Alliance's force for positive change.

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