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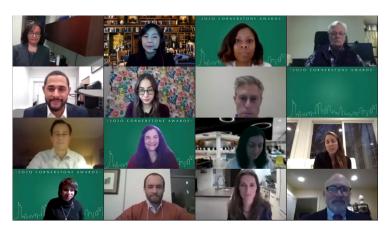
2020 Cornerstone Awards Honor Outstanding Pro Bono Achievements

On December 3, 2020 nearly 100 volunteers, nonprofit clients, colleagues, and family gathered virtually for the Cornerstone Awards. "In a year like no other, Lawyers Alliance was determined to honor and highlight our dedicated volunteers. These attorneys have proven time and time again that pro bono legal services are critical to the survival and success of nonprofits doing amazing work," said **Elizabeth M. Guggenheimer**, Executive Director of Lawyers Alliance.

INSTITUTIONAL HONOREES

Lowenstein Sandler LLP: The firm has worked with Lawyers Alliance for more than 15 years, deftly handling a wide range of timely and complex legal projects on behalf of Lawyers Alliance's nonprofit clients. This includes 44 pro bono matters for 40 organizations since July 2015, with 20 new matters since July 1, 2019. Thanks to the volunteers' skill and dedication, nonprofits are better able to navigate corporate, intellectual property, employment, real estate, and other legal issues that are critical to their programs, financial stability, and operations.

Morrison & Foerster LLP: The breadth, depth, and impact of probono work performed by Morrison & Foerster attorneys have greatly benefitted Lawyers Alliance's nonprofit clients for more than 20 years. This includes 47 legal projects for more than 35 organizations since July 2015, with 14 new matters since July 1, 2019. This work comprises a wide range of corporate, intellectual property, employment, and restructuring projects that are enabling nonprofits to survive and thrive.



INDIVIDUAL HONOREES

Sloane Ackerman, O'Melveny & Myers LLP: For providing critical employment law advice since 2013 to 11 nonprofits improving the lives of low-income New Yorkers.

Jena Grady, *Nixon Peabody LLP*: For making complex healthcare rules clearer for nonprofit providers, including nine cases in three years.

Evan Hill, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP: For skillfully assisting nine nonprofits navigating formation, structuring, and corporate governance issues.

Lawrence S. Lustberg, Gibbons P.C.: For successfully representing Lawyers Alliance in its federal constitutional challenge to New York State's donor disclosure law.

Jessica Lutrin, *Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP***:** For providing much-needed employment law advice, including employee handbooks and employment contracts, to seven nonprofits since 2012.

Lawrence Miller, BNY Mellon: For helping community arts and urban health organizations understand and protect valuable intellectual property rights integral to their curricula and services.

Helen Respass, *Thomson Reuters*: For promoting pro bono for in-house lawyers and offering customized guidance to multiple nonprofits through pro bono legal clinics.

Karol S. Robinson, *Anderson Kill:* For sharing her transactional and counseling skills with Lawyers Alliance clients since 2003 on governance, fiscal sponsorship, and lease review projects.

Kenny S. Terrero, *Sidley Austin LLP*: For utilizing his corporate legal expertise during nearly a decade of service to urban health and other nonprofits with formation, governance, and contract projects.

Barak Wrobel, *Holland & Knight LLP*: For substantial land use and zoning law work, which is helping a nonprofit organization to expand its portfolio of housing facilities for homeless LGBTQ young adults.