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Long-Term Pro Bono Partner Driving Lasting Community Impact Through Decades of Service

For more than three decades, **DLA Piper LLP (US)** has been an extraordinary partner to Lawyers Alliance, providing high-impact pro bono legal services that strengthen nonprofit organizations and expand their capacity to serve communities throughout New York City. Over the years, DLA's attorneys have advised hundreds of nonprofit organizations on a broad range of complex transactional matters, including governance and bylaw reviews, employment policies, risk assessment and management, tax and incorporation issues, contract negotiation, strategic alliances, and organizational restructuring. The firm's commitment extends beyond full-scope representation to include limited-scope clinics, trainings, and technical assistance to a myriad of nonprofits, as well as dedicated Board leadership for Lawyers Alliance.

DLA's impact has been particularly meaningful in its support of organizations serving survivors of domestic violence. Through its co-sponsorship of an Equal Justice Corps Fellow focused on domestic violence nonprofits, DLA expanded its legal assistance across the sector. Among DLA's many impactful matters was its recent representation of **Violence Intervention Program** (VIP), a nationally recognized nonprofit dedicated to helping Latina survivors of domestic violence achieve safety, independence, and long-term stability. Going beyond the initial scope of the engagement, DLA volunteers developed customized consent, confidentiality, and waiver agreements for the organization's innovative restorative justice program. DLA's work helped VIP establish a robust participant-screening process that provides greater protection and clarity, better manages legal risk, and gives VIP peace of mind as it offers a pioneering program in an emerging area of alternative dispute resolution.

Q. How does DLA encourage and support business and transactional lawyers at all levels to participate in pro bono?

We want our business and transactional lawyers to see pro bono as a chance to give back while developing professionally. Collaborating with Lawyers Alliance for New York allows us to provide our lawyers with interesting and meaningful pro bono opportunities, all with the support of training, resources, and experienced nonprofit lawyers just a phone call away. That support helps give volunteers the confidence to stretch themselves and build their skills through pro bono service.

Q. As you look to the future, how do you see the firm's pro bono program evolving to meet the needs of nonprofits as they enrich their communities?

Our hope is to put our lawyers' experience and knowledge to use where it can best serve our communities. Working closely with Lawyers Alliance, which has deep connections to the sector, helps us understand the environment nonprofits are facing and where we can be most useful. By addressing those legal needs, we can help nonprofits remain focused on what they do best: advancing their missions.

"DLA Piper assisted us as we launched a Restorative Justice Program for survivors of domestic violence – a one-of-its-kind program. DLA volunteers helped us to keep sure legal footing as we created new paths for survivors and their families to achieve profound healing and justice for the harms they experienced. We are deeply grateful to have had this guidance during those initial stages and are far stronger for this incredible support."

—Margarita Guzman, Executive Director,
Violence Intervention Program

DLA Piper volunteers have worked with the following Lawyers Alliance clients in the last three years: **A Call to Men, A.J. Muste Memorial Institute, Anthology Film Archives, APNA Brooklyn Community Center, Arab-American Family Support Center, Ardea Arts, ASISTA, Asiyah Women's Center, Aster Initiative, AXS Lab, Barrier Free Living, Battered Women's Resource Center, Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, BK ROT, BlackBox Ensemble, Boys & Girls Club of Harlem, Brave House, Brides' March, Bronx Eats, Brooklyn FAM, Calpulli Mexican Dance Company, CareerWise New York, Caribbean Women's Health Association, Carter Burden Network, Castle Hill District Management Association, Change Elemental, Change Machine, City Parks Foundation, Claim Our Space Now, Cognitive Innovation in Education Labs, Collective Voice Lab, Crime Victims Treatment Center, Dancers Unlimited, Dancewave, Dominican Women's Development Center, Downtown Community Television Center, ENVSN Foundation, Family Legal Care, First Tech Fund, Grace Children's Foundation, Heights-Hills Mental Health Service South Beach d/b/a Rainbow Heights Club, Hidden Water, Highbridge Advisory Council Family Services, Hindus for Human Rights, Hispanic Society of America, Homeless Services United, Hour Children, IlluminArt Productions, Immigrant Advocates Response Collaborative, Internationals Network for Public Schools, Kiso's Pet Food Pantry, Lantern Organization, Latinas on the Verge of Excellence, Let's Get Ready, Living City Project, Living Redemption Youth Opportunity Hub, Long Island City Partnership, M2M Project, Midori Foundation, MindBuilders Creative Arts, Muscle Inspires New Empowerment, Museum Hue, Museum of Contemporary African Diasporian Arts, National Association for Family Child Care, National Institute for the Psychotherapies Training, New York Asian Women's Center, d/b/a Womankind, New York Immigration Coalition, North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family Violence, Northfield Community LDC of Staten Island, NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, Our Journey, Peace is Loud, Penumbra Foundation, People's Theatre Project, Physicians for a National Health Program NY Metro Chapter, Power of We (POW!), Project Guardianship, Queens Economic Development Corporation, Riverton Tenants Association, Sesame Flyers International, Silverstein Dream Foundation, South Queens Women's March, SPEAKHIRE, Support Center for Nonprofit Management, Supportive Housing Network of New York, Teachers & Writers Collaborative, The Aunt Sister Project, The Campaign Against Hunger, The New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, The Notice Foundation, The Oliver Scholars Program, The Public Theater, The Remedy Project, The Works Residency, UnionDocs, UPROSE, Urban Resource Institute, Urban Wild d/b/a Change Food for Good, Van Cortlandt Park Alliance, Video Consortium, Violence Intervention Program, Williamsburg Biannual, Women Empowerment Coalition of NYC, Worker's Justice Project, Yemeni American Merchants Association,** and **Youthcast Media Group**.

Firm volunteers who have worked with these clients include: **Peter Alfano, Sofia Alvarez, Joey Baruh, Alex Becker, Allana Beddoe, Chana Ben-Zacharia, Sydney Bierhoff, Ivan Bohorquez, Adam Brenner, Jeanna Bruce, Ilya Bubel, Nina Jean Buckley, Sidney Burke, Betsy Burkhard, Julia Caccavo, Eric Carter, Marc Casale, Tiffany Cinquemani, Leah Cuadra, Clayton Culler, Alex Cushman, Robert da Silva Ashley, Matt Danaher, Jessica Daneshvar, Anthony Delury, Naftali Dembitzer, Gregory Desantis, Jeremy Dilley, Huntington Domine, James Duchesne, Imri Eisner, Aditi Eleswarapu, Gregory Esau, Malithi Fernando, James Fischer, Matthew Flug, Carolyn Fox, Christine Fuhs, Cherelle Glimp, Nickeysha Gordon, Jared Greenfield, Joseph Guarino, Ben Guez, Etay Gvirtzman, Taylor Harris, Merisa Hartung, Graham Howard, Yakira Hutchinson, Bridget Jeong, Lindsey Jordan, Witold Jurewicz, Dan Kagan, Brian Kaplan, Janet Katz, James Kelly, Garrett Kennedy, Ashley Kim, Jessica Kim, Katarina Kingston, Laura Klein, Ute Krudewagen, Mike Kumar, Kristi Kung, James Lee, Katie Lee, Christine Lehr, Christine Lentz, Astrid Leonhard, Alison Lewandoski, Joshua Lingerfelt, Adam Long, Chris Lorimer, Rachel Lowitz, Jacqueline Lydic, Michael Madigan, Sam Marll, Natacha Massih, Molly McBride, Michael McGuinness, Nate McKitterick, Leon Medzhibovsky, Alex Meiseles, Carina Meleca, Lauren Merchant, Marc Miller, Kira Mineroff, Penny Minna, Corey Mirman, Ryan Moreno, Frank Mugabi, Kentaro Murase, Shivani Naicker, Priya Narahari, Maruti Narayan, Andrew Nash, Lauren NuDelman, Ryan O'Connor, Richard Oluwasanmi, Christopher**

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