

# LAWYERS ALLIANCE FOR NEW YORK

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**EVAN HILL**, *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*

***Super helpful attorney assists nonprofits navigating formation, structuring, and corporate governance issues while they serve New York neighborhoods***

Nonprofits serving low-income New Yorkers can achieve much more in the community with the help of pro bono corporate lawyers like Evan Hill. From the initial formation and tax exemption application, to staying current with governance updates, to reviewing the steady stream of programming contracts, nonprofits in all five boroughs are in a better position because of Evan. He has advised nine nonprofits through Lawyers Alliance. Evan's pro bono clients emphasize he is a good listener, patient and supportive, and that he makes the extra effort not only to draft legal documents but also to explain them. As a result, these organizations continue to make a positive impact in the areas of urban health, economic development, arts, and social services.

### Employment:

Skadden, Arps, Slate,  
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*Counsel, Corporate  
Restructuring*

### Graduate of:

B.S. University of  
Pittsburgh  
J.D. Fordham University  
School of Law

### Lawyers Alliance clients:

Castleton Avenue  
Merchants Organization  
Every Day is a Miracle  
Fulton Area Business  
Alliance  
Idealware  
Imani House  
Karma Triyana  
Dharmachakra  
PATHHSEO  
Smith Resource Center  
T.A.L.L.O.M. Foundation

### ***Q. How and why did you first become involved with Lawyers Alliance?***

I first became involved through Skadden's pro bono department, which has collaborated with Lawyers Alliance for many years. As a corporate attorney, I was particularly interested in helping nonprofits. Through Lawyers Alliance, I have had the opportunity to assist numerous nonprofits organize, obtain tax exemptions, and develop good governance practices. In addition, I have helped organizations negotiate contracts central to their missions and navigate nonprofit mergers.

### ***Q. Share a tip for making time for pro bono during the COVID pandemic.***

Balancing responsibilities while working remotely during COVID has been challenging – especially for those of us with small children at home. I have found it helpful to look ahead at my calendar and carve out designated time for things like pro bono.

### ***Q. Share a fun or unexpected moment from pro bono work through Lawyers Alliance.***

While I know that my nonprofit clients are always appreciative of my assistance, it was particularly heartwarming and unexpected to receive a letter from an organization for the arts expressing gratitude for helping them organize and obtain tax exemption. The letter has been hanging on my office wall for the past five years.

### ***Q. What's the most rewarding aspect of pro bono work?***

The members of each nonprofit organization that I have worked with are truly remarkable people. They have ambitious visions and are devoted to improving our communities. For example, I have worked with the directors of food banks, philharmonic orchestras, after-school programs, and local business organizations. Many of my clients have had little or no prior experience dealing with governance, the IRS, and other corporate matters. It is always rewarding to be able to use my expertise in the corporate area to help clients further their important objectives.

*"Evan is an excellent lawyer and an amazing person. He helped craft our bylaws professionally but also in a way that our Board could understand. Best of all he patiently took time to answer all my questions which enabled me to better explain various areas of the document to the Board."*

— Bisi Ideraabdullah  
*Executive Director, Imani House*