

INDIVIDUAL HONOREE



JENNIFER YAMIN, *Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati*

Corporate and securities attorney shores up governance for a wide range of nonprofits

Jennifer Yamin practices corporate and securities law, with a primary focus on emerging growth companies, venture capital transactions, and mergers and acquisitions. During the past two years she has brought those skills to bear on all manner of governance work for eight Lawyers Alliance clients. With a particular focus on workforce development and community arts clients, Ms. Yamin has helped organizations clarify their bylaws and other governance documents, which are essential to nonprofit best practices. This work has been critical as her clients make fundamental decisions like whether to create a for-profit subsidiary, reincorporate an entity in Delaware rather than New York, or enter into shared services agreements with affiliates. For **Workforce Professionals Training Institute**, she proactively expanded the scope of a legal matter to include review of additional governance documents. Another client, **Path to Jobs**, which works to place underemployed New Yorkers in sustainable jobs in health care and other high-growth fields, remembers Ms. Yamin as working from a “very thoughtful foundation” and helping the small startup organization immensely.

Employment:

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
Associate, Corporate

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New York University
School of Law

Lawyers Alliance clients:

Brooklyn FAM: Festival of Arts and Music
Campaign Against Hunger d/b/a Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger
Change Machine
Girl Be Heard
National Queer Theater
Peer Training, d/b/a Path to Jobs
Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City
Workforce Professionals Training Institute

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

Through Lawyers Alliance’s partnership with my law firm, which is a huge champion of pro bono work. Lawyers Alliance presented a multitude of opportunities to give back and assist organizations with limited resources in gaining access to legal services.

Q. Share a tip for making time for pro bono.

I highly encourage and recommend that attorneys take on pro bono matters, as not only is it a critical part of the legal profession, but it also serves as a great opportunity to hone your skills in a variety of practice areas, learn about new industries, build strong client relationships, and give back to your local community.

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

I am currently working with an amazing organization, **Girl Be Heard**, which provides an empowering outlet for young women and gender-expansive youth to express their voices through story-telling and dialogue about social justice issues affecting their communities. I look forward to attending a Girl Be Heard performance to see the incredible work the organization does come to life and to continue to support them as they work to help young people become leaders, changemakers, and activists.

Q. What’s the most rewarding aspect of pro bono work?

The most rewarding aspect of pro bono work has been getting to work closely with founders and Board members of a variety of nonprofits throughout New York. It’s been great to see the tangible impact legal assistance and guidance can have on helping nonprofits accomplish their missions.

“Jennifer worked on our bylaws, which are fundamental and a core part of the organization, but easy to forget about. Now not only are the bylaws correct, but they are up-to-date in terms of committees. Jennifer went above and beyond, going past what I even asked about. She was very thorough.”

— Michael Grant

Chief Operating Officer, Workforce Professionals Training Institute