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Legal Team Protects Bronx Community Organization

Julia A. Fleurantin of Sullivan & Cromwell and Julie Stein of UBS are a great team. After connecting with **Riverdale Neighborhood House** (RNH) at a Lawyers Alliance legal clinic, they moved quickly from a limited-scope matter to full representation within days. RNH strengthens its community in the northwest Bronx by delivering programs responsive to local needs, by building connections and promoting equity across generations, cultures and economic backgrounds, and by creating a sense of place. The organization works with a number of individuals as community class instructors and brought its independent contractor agreement to the clinic for pro bono assistance in reviewing and revising the agreement to create a template agreement. The rapid transition from clinic to full representation had a significant impact: Riverdale Neighborhood House received comprehensive legal support much sooner than expected. Because Ms. Fleurantin and Ms. Stein had already built a strong working relationship with RNH's leadership, the organization felt supported and confident in the legal work.

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

Julia Fleurantin: An unexpected part of this work has been how much I learn from the clients themselves. I may have come into a conversation focused on a legal question, but their creativity and knowledge of their communities changed how I think about the problem. That exchange makes the work particularly engaging and reminds me how much effective advocacy depends on listening. I also really appreciated the opportunity to work alongside Julie and other legal professionals who also have a passion for public service.

Julie Stein: Meeting Julia on this project was such a fun experience. RNH was also an awesome client—so much so that we extended our scope to continue working with them. I strongly believe in the mission of these clinics and organizations, and having a great rapport with the people involved makes the work even more rewarding.

"Thanks to Lawyers Alliance, Julia, and Julie, we now have two solid agreements. We appreciate the support and the opportunity to work with two wonderful lawyers."

—Andrew Belton, Executive Director,
Riverdale Neighborhood House

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