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Transactional lawyer addresses the legal needs of nonprofits improving the lives of children and adults

Matt Carter is counsel in O'Melveny and Myers LLP's Los Angeles office, with a focus on Mergers & Acquisitions and Corporate & Transactional work. He received a B.A. from Pomona College, M.A. from Claremont Graduate University, and his J.D. from Stanford University.

Mr. Carter has worked with the **New York Association on Independent Living**, which advocates for the civil rights, independence, and full participation of all people with disabilities, with various governance matters; **The Reading Team**, a children's literacy program helping to close the academic achievement gap for 650 children from Harlem through literacy training, with template agreements between the client and schools and day care centers and general governance matters; and **Afro Brazil Arts**, a youth development organization that inspires wellness, leadership, and community through capoeira, a Brazilian self-defense and dance, on certain corporate governance matters.

Most notably, for more than two years Matt Carter also helped **Staten Island Mental Health Society** negotiate, document, and implement its merger with and into Richmond University Medical Center (RUMC). The Society, now a division of RUMC, has for more than a century provided mental health and related services to Staten Island children and adolescents (and their families) who are emotionally disturbed, developmentally delayed, neurologically impaired, dependent on drugs or alcohol, and/or economically disadvantaged.

Effecting a strategic merger between a multi-faceted community-based nonprofit and a nonprofit hospital system is a complicated project. In addition to the documentation of the merger transaction itself and the processes surrounding the specific corporate restructuring, there are other issues. Mr. Carter had to help the client negotiate transitional services and other revenue sharing agreements, tread a narrow path to regulatory and counterparty approvals, navigate due diligence, and harmonize the sometimes divergent understandings of the parties with respect to future operations.

The client says, "Matt is always available, thorough, thoughtful, clear, and extraordinarily pleasant. Most importantly, he is a competent and dedicated attorney always rigorously looking out for our best interests. He and the team at O'Melveny & Myers have been exceptional and have stuck with us and provided us with guidance throughout the entire extended process."

Says Mr. Carter, "Lawyers Alliance has proved to be an invaluable resource for connecting worthwhile and needy pro bono clients with the right expertise. They have given me the opportunity to contribute to causes as varied as assisted living centers, early childhood development, public health provision, and start-up incubation. Lawyers Alliance's care for each of the clients that they place shines through their consistent support and follow-up during the entire engagement."