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Tax associate lends critical skills to nonprofits bolstering New York City's communities

Nickeysha Gordon relishes using her skills as a tax attorney to research and solve complex issues that allow nonprofits to grow, operate compliantly, and serve their communities. She helped Anthology Film Archives (AFA), a center for the preservation and exhibition of independent and experimental film and video that also provides educational services to low-income students and communities in New York City, as it was planning a capital expansion project to renovate and expand its building. AFA was considering pursuing Historic Tax Credits as part of the project. Ms. Gordon explained the complicated process and helped AFA arrive at an informed decision to possibly pursue the tax credits in the future. She is working on incorporating and securing tax exempt status for The M2M Project, which seeks to transform diverse-owned businesses into high-value companies that generate jobs, income, and wealth and result in a stronger New York City economy.

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

One of my favorite pro bono experiences has been working with Cathy Kim and The M2M Project through Lawyers Alliance. Cathy's energy, kindness, and commitment to helping minority,

low-income, and veteran entrepreneurs build and sustain their businesses have been inspiring. As someone who shares that passion for empowerment, it's been a joy to contribute to an organization that truly uplifts others.

"Nickeysha is helping me incorporate my nonprofit organization and apply for tax exempt status. I am immensely satisfied with her work. Nickeysha is professional, patient, thorough, and just very easy to work with. Thanks to her, I am creating the organization so I can carry out my mission of unlocking economic mobility."

— Cathy Kim Founder, The M2M Project

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Lawyers Alliance clients:

Anthology Film Archives
The M2M Project