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RICH REILLY, *DLA Piper LLP (US)*

Partner lends deep transactional expertise to nonprofits navigating community partnership and funding issues

Rich Reilly is a partner and subgroup leader, Structured Finance at DLA Piper LLP (US). He received a B.S. from Georgetown University in 1985 and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1992.

Mr. Reilly and his colleagues have worked on a number of Lawyers Alliance matters, including incorporation and tax exemption for **Cooper Stocks Way**, an organization created in memory of a nine-year-old boy who was killed by a reckless driver. He also assisted with the development and structure of a capital fund for **Community Access**, which helps people with psychiatric disabilities make the transition from shelters and hospitals to independent living. During the pandemic, he provided Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) application assistance to **B.K.S. Iyengar Yoga Association of Greater New York**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to support the teaching of Iyengar yoga throughout the region.

Most recently, Mr. Reilly helped **Youth Action YouthBuild (YAYB)**, an East Harlem-based youth leadership development, affordable housing preservation, and workforce development organization, draft and negotiate a partnership and collaboration agreement with another organization to develop a community kitchen. Collaboration agreements are common among nonprofits, but legal review is crucial to ensuring that a nonprofit's interests are being represented. Mr. Reilly helped YAYB craft an agreement that kept its interests central. He also helped the Board and staff understand the terms and ramifications of the proposed agreement. Mr. Reilly's work was so valued that following the project, he was invited to join YAYB's Board of Directors.

Robert Taylor, Executive Director of Youth Action, says, "Richard was very giving of his time and attention. Richard is a very generous and considerate professional and we are very happy to have started the relationship with him."

Mr. Reilly says, "There are many memorable moments in my pro bono work, but one that stands out is my first meeting with Robert Taylor of Youth Action YouthBuild. Because it took place at the height of the pandemic, the meeting was virtual. But after talking to Robert and learning the extent of YAYB's activities, I realized how my years of experience as a lawyer could benefit the organization and how YAYB could enhance my life by connecting me with people who dedicate most of their professional time improving the lives of others in the community. I'm really looking forward to in-person meetings with the Board and staff at YAYB."