

**INSTITUTIONAL HONOREE****ROPES & GRAY LLP*****Global law firm's commitment to public service benefits community organizations***

Ropes & Gray LLP, a leading global firm with a strong tradition of public service, has partnered with Lawyers Alliance for more than a decade. In 2018, Ropes & Gray continued its strong pro bono efforts, with nearly 1,700 attorneys, paralegals, summer associates, and other professionals providing more than 156,000 hours of pro bono legal services. As Ropes & Gray's commitment to pro bono has reached new heights, so has its commitment to Lawyers Alliance's clients. Between 2017 and 2019, the firm accepted more than 25 new matters for Lawyers Alliance clients, some of which are highlighted below.

**ROPES & GRAY****Negotiating Space for Nonprofits Serving Elderly New Yorkers**

**Action for Retired Community XVI Fort Washington** (ARC) is a neighborhood-based multi-service agency serving the elderly in northern Manhattan. Ropes & Gray attorneys expertly negotiated a lease for a new space to house programs operated under contracts with the New York City Department for the Aging. The new space accommodates weekly classes in yoga, crafts, and English as a second language, as well as health screenings. ARC expressed profound gratitude for the attorneys' hard work, skill, and professionalism throughout a very long process. ARC stated that the Ropes & Gray team's services were nothing short of "invaluable" for its seniors.

**Assisting Nonprofits Committed to Quality Public Education for the City's Children**

New or expanding New York City charter schools can seek space from the NYC Department of Education (NYC DOE) through a co-location process, which can result in two or more schools sharing space in one school district building or, if the request is denied, a school receiving funds for rental assistance. Ropes & Gray helped **Ivy Hill Preparatory Charter School** (Ivy Hill Prep), a new kindergarten through fifth grade charter school, secure facilities in East Flatbush, Brooklyn, by appealing the denial of its co-location request. An Ivy Hill representative said, "Thank you so much to the Ropes & Gray attorneys for all of their hard work and dedication getting us to this place. The future scholars of Ivy Hill Prep are forever in their debt." Ropes & Gray attorneys also assisted Ivy Hill with obtaining tax exempt status, enabling Ivy Hill to "save tremendously and invest those savings into our students." Ivy Hill began teaching its first classes this Fall "to offer a high-quality, world class education to every student who steps through its doors."

Ropes & Gray attorneys also assisted **Elm Community Charter School** (Elm) with a similar appeal to a DOE denial of a request for co-location in Queens. Because of Ropes & Gray's attorneys' efforts, Elm is open for its second year in Flushing,

Queens and helping children discover their passions, talents, and power to enrich their communities. Elm thanked the Ropes & Gray team for being quick and efficient, and for supporting them with other facilities-related questions in a timely manner.

**Helping Nonprofits Provide Health and Supportive Services to New York's Most Vulnerable**

Privacy regulations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) require that service providers develop and follow procedures to ensure the confidentiality and security of protected health information. **Bailey House** provides housing, health services, and community support to people living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses. Ropes & Gray attorneys helped Bailey House review and update its HIPAA-related policies, procedures, and forms, and, in the client's words, "were patient, followed up diligently, and were great at navigating the whole process."

**Providence House** also benefited from the help of Ropes & Gray attorneys who reviewed a Managed Care Contract so Providence House could provide psychosocial rehabilitation and residential support services to homeless and formerly incarcerated women. The high-quality work completed by the Ropes & Gray attorneys included advice on legal issues when negotiating with managed care companies. Providence House can now continue to assist women with case management and housing as they build their lives.

Ropes & Gray attorneys have also represented the following Lawyers Alliance clients in the last three years: **Ali Forney Center, Art Beyond Sight, Beam Center, Child Welfare Organizing Project, Church Avenue Business Improvement District, Coney Island Prep, Drug Policy Action, Fiscal Policy Institute, Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District, Friends of Brooklyn Community Board Seven, Greater Flushing Chamber of Commerce, Hazon, Heights and Hills, Legacy College Prep, Lewis H. Latimer Fund, New Dawn Charter High School, New Media Advocacy Project, Nonprofit New York, Pride Center of Staten Island, Riverstone Senior Life Services, The Broad Room, Union Settlement, and Waterfront Alliance.**

Current and former Firm lawyers who worked with these clients include: Alexandra Alperovich, Joanna Bergmann, Isabel Dische, David Djaha, Ryan Duerring, Tanisha Edwards, Shad Estreich, Brett Friedman, Ruth Gao, Pam Glazier, Lisa Guo, Leon Huang, Jay J. Kim, Danna Kivell, Daniel C. Kolb, Owen LaFreniere, Michael Lampert, Victoria McGuire, Anthony Mongone, Christine Moundas, Garin Muranaka, Laurie Nelson, Jesse O'Connell, Olivia Pomann, Bob Rivollier, Judith Rubin, Ivette Sanchez, Mara Sanders, Ted Schmadeke, Kevin Schoonveld, Tanya Shaby, Brian Sit, Robb Tretter, Daniel Tsarevsky, Alice Wang, and Young Sik Yoon.