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Corporate counsel helps growing nonprofits navigate contract, data security, and intellectual property questions

Grace Ang is Executive Director of the Group General Counsel department at UBS, advising on a range of practice areas, including Intellectual Property, Privacy & Data Security, Advertising & New Media, Outsourcing, FinTech, and Contracting. She received a Bachelor of Laws from the National University of Singapore in 1995.

Upon joining Lawyers Alliance’s volunteer network within the past year, Ms. Ang enthusiastically provided assistance to four nonprofit organizations. She drafted and negotiated an agreement for a short-term collaboration between Narrative 4, which harnesses the power of the story exchange to equip and embolden young adults to improve their lives, communities, and the world, and one of its partner organizations to develop curriculum. She also helped to create a template agreement that Narrative 4 can use for future collaborations. Ms. Ang provided template IP notices and disclaimers to protect its proprietary curriculum. Kelsey Roberts, Operations Manager, says that Ms. Ang’s assistance “will have a direct impact on our programs and therefore help to build a lot more empathy in classrooms around the world!”

Ms. Ang provided intellectual property assistance to All Our Kin, which works to ensure that child care professionals succeed as business owners; working parents find stable, high-quality care; and children gain a solid educational foundation. She updated All Our Kin’s copyright and commercial use guidelines, and reviewed one of its license agreements. Erica Phillips, Chief Operating Officer, says, “Grace was very patient and comprehensive. She was very relatable and didn’t speak with a lot of legal jargon.” In addition, Ms. Ang assisted in the review of an independent contractor services contract for Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice at a September pro bono clinic.

Ms. Ang is assisting Eskolta School Research and Design, which works with urban schools to help vulnerable youth reach their full potential. She is updating Eskolta’s Data Security and Document Retention policy and guidelines, to ensure they are in line with Eskolta’s operational practices, as well as its data privacy and security obligations under certain contracts. Danielle Green, Director of Operations, says, “Grace’s research has been thorough and detailed and she’s been more than patient with the changes and delays we’ve had. I’m very satisfied with her professionalism and look forward to our continued work.”

Ms. Ang says, “Working with Lawyers Alliance opened my eyes to the diversity of nonprofits in New York and the incredible work that these organizations do to serve the community. It has also made me realize the important role that Lawyers Alliance plays, and the need for lawyers to volunteer our time and expertise towards performing pro bono legal work, because otherwise, nonprofits would not have access to the quality legal advice and expertise that they need in order to succeed.”