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Partner leadership enables Brooklyn community organizations to pursue their goals

Richard Horowitz is a partner and co-head of Dechert LLP's Permanent Capital Practice. He received a B.S. from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania in 1985 and a J.D. from University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1988.

Mr. Horowitz has counseled clients on contract, structuring, and real estate matters through Lawyers Alliance. For several years, Mr. Horowitz has assisted **Ifetayo Cultural Arts Academy** in connection with its new space in the Bedford Union Armory redevelopment in Crown Heights in Brooklyn, which will allow it to better serve the community. Ifetayo empowers youth and families of African descent to achieve high levels of educational, professional, and artistic excellence. As a leading Brooklyn-based community arts institution, Ifetayo inspires future generations to develop a strong African-centered cultural identity and realize their power to transform social inequity.

From the outset of this complex project, Mr. Horowitz advised the client on its relationship with the project developer. As the negotiations near completion, Chiwoniso Kaitano, Executive Director at Ifetayo, says, "It has been marvelous having Richard and Dechert in our corner throughout this process – and still! There have been some very delicate moments and Richard's stable counsel has been invaluable. Who knows how things might have gone without being able to discuss everything with such experienced advisers?"

Mr. Horowitz also recently assisted the **Church Avenue Business Improvement District**, located in Flatbush, Brooklyn, in its negotiations on a shared services and management agreement with a larger neighborhood organization. Says Church Avenue BID's Executive Director, Lauren Elvers Collins, "Working with Richard and the team at Dechert was really helpful particularly with so many balls in the air and with two Business Improvement Districts working so closely together. In particular, the Dechert team was very good at interfacing with our Board. They not only satisfactorily responded to the Board's questions but also helped guide them in future discussions."

Mr. Horowitz's service as dedicated and talented Lawyers Alliance volunteer dates back to 2009, when he assisted **Explore Empower Charter School** with a Management Agreement between the Brooklyn school and the charter school network's management organization. He has since encouraged many Dechert colleagues to participate in pro bono.

Says Mr. Horowitz, "It has been an absolute pleasure working with Lawyers Alliance to help organizations and people who are making this crazy world a much better place. For example, we helped Ifetayo Cultural Arts Academy obtain new space in Brooklyn. These types of nonprofit organizations are making a very positive difference in people's lives. I look forward to continuing to work with Lawyers Alliance and the organizations it supports."



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