

2021 Business Law & Leadership Gala



Lawyers Alliance Board member Ellen Ching welcomed guests to the 2021 Gala.

On May 26th Lawyers Alliance held our Business Law & Leadership Gala online. The Gala, the premier annual event for business and transactional lawyers committed to pro bono legal services for nonprofits, raised more than \$500,000.

"Nonprofits are at the forefront of New York's reemergence. They are working hard to return our City's neighborhoods to their full potential. But they will need legal help. We are grateful to our honorees and donors for supporting the Gala and our efforts to make such assistance possible," said **Elizabeth Guggenheimer**, Lawyers Alliance's Executive Director.

The distinguished honorees were:

CRAIG KATERBERG *Budweiser APAC*

Craig Katerberg is the Chief Legal and Corporate Affairs Officer for Budweiser APAC, a \$42B USD publicly-listed brewer focused on sustainable growth in Asia and one of the largest companies on the Hong Kong stock market. Since 2012 he has served in legal, finance, and senior leadership positions within the AB InBev family of companies in different countries around the globe, including as General Counsel of Anheuser-Busch. He was a standout Lawyers Alliance volunteer while an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP and won a Cornerstone Award in 2011 for his exceptional pro bono work with local nonprofits.

DARILYN T. OLIDGE *Brightwood Capital Advisors, LLC*

Darilyn T. Olidge is the Partner, General Counsel, and Chief Compliance Officer of Brightwood Capital Advisors, LLC, a private equity firm that provides debt and equity capital solutions to companies located throughout the United States. Ms. Olidge also serves on the firm's Executive Committee. Throughout her professional career, Ms. Olidge has been engaged in numerous nonprofit organizations, including serving as a trustee of New York University School of Law, a board member of the LGBTQ Center of New York, and, most recently, being elected to the Board of Directors of Communities in Schools.

RODERICK JONES, Ed.D *Goddard Riverside*

Roderick Jones, Ed.D has been the Executive Director of Goddard Riverside since 2017. Previously, he spent nine years as President and CEO of Grace Hill Settlement House in St. Louis, Missouri. Before that, he served as President and CEO of the Community Place of Greater Rochester (NY). A multi-service nonprofit organization, Goddard Riverside first became a Lawyers Alliance client in 1983, and has been receiving pro bono legal assistance from Lawyers Alliance consistently since 2002. Goddard, and its affiliate the Stanley M. Isaacs Center, serves more than 26,000 people a year on the Upper West Side and throughout New York City with a variety of programs for all ages.

For event details or to watch the Gala, visit our [website](#).



See a [video clip](#) about the amazing work being done by Lawyers Alliance's long-time client, **Greater Jamaica Development Corporation**, to develop co-working space for local entrepreneurs, particularly those construction-related jobs. Also featured are pro bono lawyers from **Holland & Knight LLP**.

"Lawyers Alliance is the first step to go to because of the resources they have access to as well as the expertise inherent in the organization," says Greater Jamaica's Executive Director Hope Knight.