

# Kirkland & Ellis Leaders Steer Law Firm Appeal to New Heights

Lawyers Alliance's 2020-2021 Law Firm Appeal raised a record-breaking \$932,600 from 82 participating law firms, including eight new donor firms. Lawyers Alliance applauds the outstanding Co-Chairs of this recent Appeal, **Jon A. Ballis** and **Edward O. Sassower** of **Kirkland & Ellis LLP**, for their excellent leadership. They were integral to the success of the Appeal.

Mr. Ballis is Chairman of Kirkland's Executive Committee, the governing body of Kirkland & Ellis. He has long been recognized as one of the leading private equity attorneys in the United States.

Mr. Ballis said, "Kirkland & Ellis is proud to have led this year's Law Firm Appeal, a significant source of funding for Lawyers Alliance's work with organizations on the front-lines addressing today's most pressing needs. The commitment and participation of law firms, both financially and through pro bono legal expertise, is essential to the success of these not-for-profit organizations."

Mr. Sassower is a member of Kirkland's Executive Committee and is a partner in the Restructuring Group. He focuses on representing debtors,

creditors and distressed or special situation investors in bankruptcy cases, out-of-court restructurings and acquisitions.

Mr. Sassower remarked, "Law firm support of the Appeal allows Lawyers Alliance to continue providing meaningful pro bono opportunities to business and transactional lawyers and help nonprofits make a positive impact in people's lives." Kirkland is a longtime Lawyers Alliance supporter and Kirkland partner **Christine Okike** is Board Treasurer.

This annual appeal helps Lawyers Alliance provide legal services and educational resources to strengthen nonprofit and community organizations that provide housing and human services, operate and advocate for programs promoting social justice and equity, increase economic and educational opportunities, and promote community arts that are improving the lives of low-income and disadvantaged New Yorkers.

Lawyers Alliance thanks the following firms that contributed \$1,000 or more to the Law Firm Appeal running July 2020 through June 2021:

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