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# Law Firm Appeal Supports Vital Services for Nonprofits

Lawyers Alliance's 2022–2023 Law Firm Appeal is grateful for the leadership of co-chairs **Julie H. Jones** and **John E. Sorkin** of **Ropes & Gray LLP**. The appeal is Lawyers Alliance's largest source of general operating support, helping our organization respond to the changing legal needs of nonprofits that are building a better New York. It is a shining example of how law firms coming together support Lawyers Alliance's mission to be a pro bono leader.

Ms. Jones, Ropes & Gray's chair, leads a global firm whose unique combination of excellence, high performance, and public service garnered it *The American Lawyer's* "Law Firm of the Year" award in 2022, and have put it in the top-three of the AmLaw A-List for five years in a row. The firm is a founding member of the Law Firm Anti-Racism Alliance and has been in the top 10 firms for female equity partners for the past seven years.

In addition to her leadership role, Ms. Jones is one of the world's top corporate lawyers, with countless accolades for her work on behalf of some of the world's largest companies and investors. She has guided numerous multi-billion dollar deals across industries, and has been described by clients as "a preternaturally cool-headed negotiator." She is an active champion of the firm's pro bono program and "practice with purpose" ethic.

"Lawyers Alliance provides vital support to our communities. We are proud to champion its work," said Ms. Jones. "Donations of all sizes will help Lawyers Alliance fulfill its mission to improve our communities and help people in need. John and I want to thank the many firms that have joined or will join the Appeal this year."

Mr. Sorkin, co-managing partner of Ropes & Gray's 500-lawyer New York office and a partner in the firm's private equity transactions and M&A practices, advises a broad range of clients on U.S. and cross-border M&A transactions, including strategic and private equity acquisitions and dispositions, leveraged buyouts and other transactional and corporate governance matters. He also regularly counsels many of the world's leading investment banks on financial advisory matters. Mr. Sorkin is recognized as a leading lawyer for M&A and private equity transactions by numerous industry guides. He is also active in the firm's pro bono efforts.

"When firms support the Law Firm Appeal, it allows Lawyers Alliance to provide attorneys with rewarding pro bono opportunities that serve their communities and sharpen their skills," said Mr. Sorkin. "The impact of this work is felt far and wide."

To donate, please contact Lawyers Alliance Development Manager **James Valentin**.



**Julie H. Jones**



**John E. Sorkin**

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## In Brief

### Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (N-PCL) Revisions Provide Flexibility

In November 2022, Governor Hochul signed A9969 (Paulin)/S9047 (Comrie), to modernize New York's Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (N-PCL) to allow Board members to provide unanimous consent to Board actions via an electronic Board portal, allow Board vacancies to be filled for the duration of a vacant seat, and codify that conflicted directors who leave a meeting do not disturb the quorum. Lawyers Alliance staff worked with Nonprofit New York's Government Relations Council to identify N-PCL provisions that needed updating. Our staff drafted bill language and a memo in support that we submitted together with Nonprofit New York and New York Council of Nonprofits. Read our [Legal Alert](#).