

Legal Program Is Supported by Talented New Fellows

This Fall Lawyers Alliance welcomed **Frances Tyler** and **Dalton Valerio** to our staff. They both bring meaningful perspective and skills to their jobs, enhancing our legal services.

Frances Tyler is a Legal Fellow sponsored by DLA Piper and Verizon through an Equal Justice Works Fellowship. Frances' project offers critically needed services to survivors of domestic violence by furnishing nonprofits with transactional legal services, enabling their continued success. Frances graduated from New York University School of Law in 2024. Prior to law school, she earned a B.A. in English with minors in Spanish and Film and Media Studies from Georgetown University in 2020. This Fall Frances worked with Senior Policy Counsel and Interim Legal Director Laura Abel on proposing language to amend the New York State standard



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contract to protect the privacy rights of a non-profit's clients. Frances observed that this project felt particularly meaningful as "protecting client confidentiality echoed in my weekly meetings with organizations serving survivors of domestic violence, many of whom are immigrants." Read about Frances' work with domestic violence support groups in this issue's cover story.

Our seventh fellow from NYU's National Center on Philanthropy and the Law, **Dalton Valerio**, joined us in September. NCPL Fellows participate fully in providing legal services to our nonprofit clients. Dalton graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law with certificates in International Law and Public Interest & Social Justice. He graduated in 2017 with an M.A. in Dance Performance from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance, and in 2014 with a B.S. in Biology from the University of New Mexico. One of Dalton's early assignments was to help a client amend its fiscal sponsorship agreement to streamline the flow of funds. When our client, a fiscal sponsor, amended its agreement and the sponsored project received support for its mission, the parties benefitted from Dalton's own experience with a sponsored organization. Dalton noted that the work resonated with him "because as someone who has worked for fiscally sponsored organizations in the past, I know how burdensome it is to spend personal funds – or to not know where the initial capital will come from – before getting reimbursed."

For full bios and contact information for Frances and Dalton, and all of Lawyers Alliance's staff, visit www.lawyersalliance.org/staff.

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