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Greetings from Interim Executive Director Hedwig O'Hara



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It has been a privilege to serve Lawyers Alliance as its Interim Executive Director. As you can see from the photos in this Newsletter, our annual Cornerstone Awards in October kicked off a joyous Fall season. It was an inspiring evening hosted by Paramount Global with the lights of Times Square as a backdrop. Our annual Law Firm Appeal, led by Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, yielded a record-breaking \$953,340. For more information, visit www.lawyersalliance.org/contributors.

We launched searches for a Staff Attorney and a Program Assistant and filled both positions with great candidates who began in early January. You will learn more about our newest staff, Tara Knapp and Amelia Roth-Dishy, in our next Newsletter! In December we received news of a \$1,700,000 five-year grant from the IOLA Fund's Access to Justice program, representing the largest IOLA grant in Lawyers Alliance's 55 year history. This grant, along with increased funding from other sources, will enable Lawyers Alliance to continue our vital work of improving the quality of life in low-income neighborhoods. Our search for

a permanent Executive Director was launched through On-Ramps. Interested candidates should visit www.lawyersalliance.org/job-openings. We introduced our Board training support and conference room rentals. We convened a meeting of Exponentum™ and began plans for an in-person Exponentum meeting for members in the Spring. Our staff began tracking the policies enacted by the new federal administration in order to best serve New York's nonprofit sector. In part that effort involved collaborations on trainings and educational materials with New York Lawyers for Public Interest, Nonprofit New York, Philanthropy New York, and others. We are looking forward to continuing to collaborate with experts and key technical assistance providers in order to serve the sector in the best way possible in the coming months.

We appreciate your continued interest in and support for Lawyers Alliance! Please feel free to reach out to me at hohara@lawyersalliance.org if you have questions about our services and our work in the sector.
