

**INSTITUTIONAL AWARD**

The institutional Cornerstone Awards are reserved for exceptional firm-wide business and transactional law pro bono. It is Lawyers Alliance's most significant honor because it reflects depth and breadth. This year's two awardees – Holland & Knight LLP and Jackson Lewis LLP – are singled out for their unwavering commitment and their positive results.

**HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP*****A Global Firm with a Community Commitment***

With a serious commitment to pro bono, **Holland & Knight LLP** has steadily handled a wide array of sophisticated business and transactional law matters, counting more than 35 pro bono projects for Lawyers Alliance clients since 2001. The law firm's full-time Community Services Team effectively marshals firm resources to provide legal representation to those who cannot afford it. Holland & Knight staffs its pro bono matters with top-notch teams of attorneys, embraces complex transactions and unique projects, and remains reliable and professional throughout the process. Holland & Knight has proven to be a true leader in ensuring that the needs of nonprofit clients are met. Its pro bono nonprofit clients could not be happier, as illustrated in the following representative case examples.

When the **Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York** (NPCC) had the idea of establishing a Nonprofit Outsourcing Clearinghouse – a program to identify, research, facilitate, and provide cost savings guidance to participating nonprofits interested in back-office outsourcing – pro bono attorneys from Holland & Knight agreed to assist. NPCC serves to strengthen and support its membership of more than 1,500 nonprofit organizations in New York City, Long Island, and Westchester. Pro bono attorneys worked with NPCC on virtually all legal aspects of initiating the Nonprofit Outsourcing Clearinghouse (NOC). They reviewed corporate authorizations to allow NPCC to undertake this program, drafted contracts for developing and maintaining a free database for participants, assisted with the Request for Proposals, provided advice on privacy and intellectual property law issues in connection with the database, and helped the client minimize any legal risks related to the administration of the program. NPCC is looking forward to launching the NOC database at the end of this month. Eighty vendors will participate, covering nine different areas of service.

Attorneys from Holland & Knight assisted **Care for the Homeless** on two office leases and one unusual scenario. Care for the Homeless is committed to ending homelessness by providing direct services, working to create permanent housing opportunities, and shaping policies to prevent future homelessness. The firm's pro bono attorneys negotiated a lease for space containing a medical clinic serving the Bronx homeless population, and a lease for the organization's new offices in

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midtown Manhattan. The firm also assisted the organization on a small meritless claim that threatened to hold up \$2 million in City funding for homeless services. Pro bono attorneys negotiated with the City agency and ultimately enabled the release of these funds. Says Executive Director Bobby Watts, "through the good lawyers at Holland & Knight, Lawyers Alliance resolved the matter through very complicated procedures that we still do not understand, but for which we are extremely grateful."

Additional Holland & Knight real estate projects include: representing **Pratt Area Community Council**, a housing and economic development organization, during its acquisition and financing of property in Brooklyn through the City's Third Party Transfer Program; and helping South Bronx-based **Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School** draft and negotiate a lease arrangement with a private developer to allow this public charter school to move from a temporary location to a more suitable school space.

Similarly, Holland & Knight's intellectual property attorneys stepped up to assist **National Institute for the Psychotherapies** (NIP), an organization that trains psychotherapists, publishes an academic journal, and provides low-cost psychotherapy services through its treatment center. Pro bono attorneys from Holland & Knight reviewed an electronic publication license agreement between NIP and Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing (PEP) so that NIP's journal could be included in PEP's database.

Lawyers from Holland & Knight have represented the following Lawyers Alliance clients in the past five years: **Achievement First Bushwick Charter School, Ansoh Center for Refugees, Applied Research Center, Bridge Street Development Corporation, Bronx Community Pride Center, Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service, Care for the Homeless, Desis Rising Up & Moving (DRUM), Emerald Isle Immigration Center, Fair Mortgage Collaborative, Grand Street Business Improvement District, Global Kids, Inc., Habitat for Humanity, H.E.A.L.T.H. for Youths, Hearts and Minds Network, Literacy Assistance Center, Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School, National Institute for the Psychotherapies, Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City, Nonprofit Coordinating Committee, NPowerNY, Pratt Area Community Council (PACC), Queensbridge Community in Action, Rockaway Development and Revitalization Corporation, Sino-American Cultural and Arts Foundation, Third Wave Foundation, Tier II Coalition, and WomenCare, Inc.**

Firm lawyers who worked with these clients in the past five years include: Neal N. Beaton, Matthew J. Blumenstyk, Leah R. Fang, Joseph A. Guay, Dina T. Gupta, Jennivere L. Kenlon, Ruth L. Lansner, Jacqueline A. Marcus, Marisa Marinelli, Katherine H. Marques, Theresa A.W. Middlebrook, Marc S. Reisler, Robert S. Robbin, Arthur E. Rosenberg, Sergio Stifelman, Christine Tramontano, Tara L. Vance, and H. Barry Vasios.