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Strategic Corporate Counsel Helps Youth and Other Nonprofit Organizations Thrive

Craig A. Katerberg, an Associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, is a member of the firm's Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits group. Mr. Katerberg received a B.A. from the University of Chicago in 2003 and a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law in 2009.

Since 2010, Mr. Katerberg has assisted six Lawyers Alliance clients on a variety of legal issues ranging from incorporation and tax exemption to lease negotiations and employment policies.

Although **4 Kids in Need** had been operating for more than 10 years, its board sought to become a tax-exempt organization, and improve its corporate policies, to secure funds for program expansion. Mr. Katerberg is currently assisting the organization, which provides donated clothing, toys, books, and school supplies to homeless and economically disadvantaged children in Queens, with drafting corporate bylaws and preparing applications for federal, state, and local tax-exempt status. 4 Kids in Need President Rhonda Williams describes Mr. Katerberg as "warm, friendly, concerned, and very professional." She says that he is excited about the organization's cause and knows that she is in "good, capable hands."

Founded in 1998 to help hundreds of young women and girls exit the commercial sex industry, **Girls Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS)** provides young women with empathetic, consistent support and viable opportunities for positive change. Mr. Katerberg signed on to assist GEMS with reviewing and negotiating two leases for residential units it intended to use to house its program participants. Realizing the urgency and sensitivity of this matter, Mr. Katerberg worked diligently to review the residential leases and guide the GEMS staff in the negotiations in order to execute the lease within one week. As a result, GEMS was able to secure and provide apartments for the young women and girls it serves. GEMS Support Services Coordinator Jamie Powlovich appreciates that Mr. Katerberg was "organized, very professional and personable." She says that he not only cared about the case, but "showed a genuine interest in the organization, the population we serve, and the work that we do."

Other clients Mr. Katerberg has served include **Coalition for Queens, Credit DO, Lower East Side Business Improvement District**, and **Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation**.

Of his volunteer experience, Mr. Katerberg told us, "Lawyers Alliance provides an incredible range of projects and really excels at selecting organizations that have compelling missions with truly dedicated individuals. It's been a terrific experience working on so many different types of projects and seeing the impact of the work for incredibly appreciative clients."

