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Coordinated Pro Bono Teamwork Ensures that Nonprofits Receive High-Quality Corporate and Tax Law Assistance

Louis Vlahos is a Partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., where he heads the tax practice. His practice includes tax planning and controversies in the areas of corporate, individual, and partnership income tax, as well as estate and gift tax. Mr. Vlahos received a B.A. from Columbia College in 1984, a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1987, and an LL.M. in taxation from New York University in 1993.

Since 2005, Mr. Vlahos has worked with many Lawyers Alliance clients, handling a total of 11 matters so far. Mr. Vlahos also serves as the firm's primary pro bono contact, keeping in touch with Lawyers Alliance staff and ensuring appropriate staffing on pro bono cases within his firm.

Mr. Vlahos is assisting **Bard High School Early College-Queens PTA** (BHSEC-Queens PTA), an association of parent and teacher advocates for Bard High School Early College, with incorporating as a not-for-profit corporation and preparing applications for local, state, and federal tax exemption. Bard High School is a unique public school that offers students a high school diploma *and* an associate's degree from Bard College by taking college credits during their 11th and 12th grades. Says BHSEC-Queens PTA President Jan Clark, "Mr. Vlahos and his team continue to guide us through this overwhelming process by painstakingly reviewing each document and attachment we prepare. What would we do without them?!"

When **East River Development Alliance** (ERDA) was approached by a healthcare provider about collaborating on a flu vaccine program, Mr. Vlahos and colleagues were happy to assist. ERDA fosters the social and economic development of Long Island City and the surrounding neighborhoods to ensure that less-privileged residents have access to affordable housing, job and financial counseling, and community services. ERDA and other community groups assisted in promoting and hosting the vaccine program, while the healthcare provider supplied and administered the vaccines. By drafting and negotiating the collaboration agreement, including indemnification provisions, Mr. Vlahos and colleagues helped protect ERDA's interests and programs.

Other clients Mr. Vlahos has served include **Education Française à New York, HANAC, Harlem Dowling-West Side Center for Children and Family Services, Global Youth Leadership Institute, Greater Jamaica Development Corporation, Project Ezra, Queensbridge Scholarship Fund, Reach Into Cultural Heights, and Staten Island Center for Independent Living.**

Says Mr. Vlahos of his pro bono experience, "I am grateful for the opportunities Lawyers Alliance has given Farrell Fritz to help many of these organizations. Our experiences have been very rewarding. Through Lawyers Alliance referrals, my firm has provided an array of legal services to not-for-profits that promote education, family services, elder care, and economic development."