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Tradition of Legal Excellence in the Financial and Corporate Arenas Is Demonstrated in Pro Bono Assistance to Nonprofits Serving Low-Income New Yorkers

Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP has provided pro bono assistance to Lawyers Alliance for many years, whereby Cahill lawyers provide a variety of legal services that benefit low-income New Yorkers. Cahill has substantially increased its participation in Lawyers Alliance matters in recent years, representing over 30 community development organizations since 2013, including representation in 21 active matters over Lawyers Alliance's past fiscal year. Cahill's advocacy of Lawyers Alliance is part of its long and honored pro bono tradition, and the firm's efforts have had a major impact in and around New York City.

Improving Urban Health and Sustainability

Cahill lawyers have worked with nonprofit clients that are committed to improving the health of low-income New Yorkers. Urban health nonprofits promote preventative health, food security, healthy aging, and green space. Recent examples of the firm's invaluable pro bono assistance include:

- Reviewing and updating the internal Election-Related Activity Guide for **Drug Policy Alliance**, an organization dedicated to promoting policy alternatives to the drug war. The client commended counsel for being "great to work with," "accessible," and "doing an amazing job helping us to update the guide." As a result, staff members are better educated on types of election-related activities they may undertake as employees.
- Providing intellectual property law and contract guidance to **Natural Areas Conservancy** related to its database tracking a citywide ecological assessment examining the health of New York City's natural habitats. Cahill volunteers drafted model agreements and procedures between the organization and external users of this assessment, thereby making it more accessible to other environmental groups.

Bettering Quality of Life for Children, Older Youth, and New Yorkers of All Ages

Cahill attorneys stand out for their "timely," "professional," and "informative" approach. This dedication has been consistently demonstrated in the firm's pro bono services to organizations that better the lives of New York children and youth, families, LGBT persons of all ages, and other individuals in need. Cahill's many positive volunteer experiences have included:

- Advising **Ali Forney Center**, an organization dedicated to supporting homeless LGBT youth, about relevant housing laws and risk management when it was preparing to launch its Host Home Program. This program placed young adults, ages 21 to 24, in volunteers' homes.
- Updating bylaws for **Bronx Community Cable Programming Corporation**; reviewing and revising the bylaws and conflict of interest policy for **GRIOT Circle**; and securing federal and state tax exemptions for **Share Family Supports**. Cahill's

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governance work helps nonprofits to achieve high levels of board effectiveness and fiscal accountability.

- Reviewing an office lease for **Wingspan Arts**, a multi-faceted arts organization that exposes diverse groups of students to performing, visual, media, and literary arts. The client now operates its pioneering arts programs in a convenient space where it can help young people spread their wings through creative endeavors.

Stimulating Economic Development in Underserved Neighborhoods

Cahill attorneys have worked with Lawyers Alliance to advance the goals of economic development nonprofits. These organizations improve access to capital and credit and financial literacy, revitalize communities, and encourage workforce development. High quality pro bono legal assistance enables economic development nonprofits to improve their programs and operations, both locally and nationally. Representative successful Cahill projects include:

- Forming and securing tax-exempt status for **BK ROT**, a youth-operated compost pick up service by bike in Brooklyn that raises composting awareness and provides community-based green jobs for local youth ages 17-23.
- Developing grant management procedures for **Grow Brooklyn** to help it manage the funds it receives to offer housing and foreclosure counseling, free tax preparation, and legal assistance for people experiencing foreclosure.
- Drafting a model partnership agreement that **National Domestic Workers Alliance** can use when seeking to enter referral relationships to help domestic workers obtain employment.

Cahill has also represented the following nonprofit clients during the past three years: **Carl's Butterflies, Carter Burden Center for the Aging, Civic Legal Corps, Coney Island Beautification Project, Downtown Community Television Center, First Chinese Presbyterian Community Affairs, Good Neighbors of Park Slope, Harlem Needle Arts, Housing Conservation Coordinators, La Fuerza Unida, Lawyers For Children, Open School Project, People for the Pavilion, Virtual Enterprises International, and Voces Latinas.**

Current and former Cahill lawyers who have worked on Lawyers Alliance pro bono matters during the past three years include: E. Campbell Agyapong, Christopher Arkin, Anirudh Bansal, Meredith Bishop, Donna Bryan, Katherine Comeau, Alex Corey, Elizabeth Cusack, Mary Diaz-Albertini, Alexandra Fields, Lindsey Frischer, Tara Garcia, Trevor Garmey, Mark J. Gelman, Peter Gioello, Natasha Williams Goddard, Joseph Haupt, Behesht Heidary, David G. Januszewski, Gail Johnston, Jun Kang, Cooper Knowlton, Samuel Levin, Mark Littman, Romola Lucas, Brian Markley, Peter Mazzone, John Millson, Christine Mott, Shilpa Narayan, Steven Ort, Reshma Patel, Christopher Pendleton, Dean Ringel, P. Sebastian Ruiz, Vanessa Savino, Travis Scheft, Cara Schenkel, Lynn Schmidt, Whitney M. Smith, Cynthia Smuzynska, Elizabeth Stewart, Kathy Strom, Susanna M. Suh, Daniel Tarnopol, Sean Thorsen, Kerianne Tobitsch, and Sarah Walton. Lawyers Alliance also thanks recently retired partner Howard G. (Peter) Sloane for his pro bono leadership and support of these matters.