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VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENT
Jack P. Flanagan of Paul Hastings LLP
Sophisticated Real Estate Counsel Responds to Nonprofits' Evolving Needs

Accomplishment: Recipient of Lawyers Alliance for New York's **2011 Cornerstone Award** honoring outstanding pro bono legal services to nonprofits, to be presented on Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Highlights: Mr. Flanagan is being honored for his work with **Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City, Inc.** (NHS), including the drafting and negotiating of a commercial lease, whereby a pizza franchise leased otherwise unused space in a for-sale mixed-use building in the Bronx from an NHS affiliate. NHS provides financial empowerment, affordable lending, and educational services that help individuals and families to invest in and improve their neighborhoods and homes. This lease generated income to benefit NHS programs. Jeffrey Schanback, General Counsel at NHS, commented, "All pro bono attorneys should be as helpful as Jack Flanagan. He has been a pleasure to work with, and very responsive to our needs."

When the **Brooklyn AIDS Task Force** (BATF) sought assistance negotiating a lease that would enable the organization to consolidate and streamline its operations, Mr. Flanagan stepped in to assist. BATF's Executive Director, Elaine Greeley, says, "One of our leases included gut renovations, and took a long time to complete. We had no experience with complicated leasing and construction, but Jack was very patient with us and did a spectacular job. He has a good staff, and works with them wisely." BATF provides HIV-infected and affected individuals of Brooklyn with culturally-sensitive HIV/AIDS prevention education, comprehensive social services, and extensive community advocacy.

Mr. Flanagan comments on his pro bono experience, "These experiences have given me the satisfaction of helping these organizations achieve their larger charitable objectives, as the transactions I worked on have given them the ability to provide a platform for their services in their neighborhoods. As a lawyer, there is nothing more rewarding, on a personal level, than knowing your professional efforts have contributed to the greater good of the community. Also, I am grateful for the support and appreciation the individuals from these organizations have always shown me and value their friendship."

About Lawyers Alliance for New York: Lawyers Alliance for New York is the leading provider of business and transactional legal services for nonprofit organizations that are improving the quality of life in New York City neighborhoods. Our network of pro bono lawyers from law firms and corporations and staff of experienced attorneys collaborate to deliver expert corporate, tax, real estate, employment, intellectual property, and other legal services to community organizations. By connecting lawyers, nonprofits, and communities, we help nonprofits to develop affordable housing, stimulate economic development, promote community arts, and operate and advocate for vital programs for children and young people, the elderly, and other low-income New Yorkers. During the past year, 14 staff attorneys and 1,484 volunteer attorneys represented 625 clients on 1,014 matters.

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