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Expanding Corporate Practice to Assist Nonprofits in Need

Kyla Henriksen is Director and Associate General Counsel at Citi, where she works with the Prime Finance business. She received a B.A. from Concordia University in 1994, an M.A. from the University of Toronto in 1995, an LL.B. from the University of British Columbia in 1998, and an LL.M. from Georgetown University in 2004.

Since first partnering with Lawyers Alliance in 2013, Ms. Henriksen has handled four pro bono matters and helped a fifth organization at a Citi legal clinic.

Ms. Henriksen stands out for her willingness to become an expert regarding her clients' legal issues, even if they are outside her usual area of practice.

Nonprofit corporate law is one such area. Ms. Henriksen helped **B.K.S. Iyengar Yoga Association of Greater New York** review and revise its bylaws and other governance documents in order to comply with the New York Nonprofit Revitalization Act. Board member Judi Friedman reports, "It was very meaningful to our organization to have our governance documents brought up to date. Kyla was professional, thorough, gracious, and a pleasure to work with." Ms. Henriksen has begun helping **Picador**, a newly forming nonprofit seeking to promote healthy work environments at small businesses, incorporate in New York State and apply for tax exempt status. Ms. Henriksen also met with **Lutheran Social Services of Metropolitan New York** during a one-hour Citi Board Engagement Clinic in spring 2015.

Ms. Henriksen also has the ability to master government regulatory requirements that are new to her. For instance, she helped **Community Food Advocates** register as a lobbyist and set up a system to track lobbying expenditures. Liz Accles, Executive Director, says, "Registering with New York City as a lobbyist is very confusing. Kyla was learning how to do it and teaching us as she went. She was very pleasant and accessible, which made all the difference as I was trying to figure out a really difficult system. Kyla patiently walked me through the process." Ms. Henriksen also helped **New York Harbor Foundation** sort out some complicated regulatory issues. According to Matthew Haiken, Vice President of Administration at New York Harbor Foundation, Ms. Henriksen "was a pleasure to work with, providing timely and practical advice in a complicated area."

Ms. Henriksen says, "By working with Lawyers Alliance I've met New Yorkers who are helping us have healthier kids, a cleaner environment, stable housing for families, and more engaged citizens. By connecting me to organizations that need legal assistance, Lawyers Alliance has challenged me to learn new areas of law with the backing of expert support. I'm proud of Citi's commitment to pro bono service and its support of Lawyers Alliance."