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**David W. Lowden of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP
Nonprofit Law Expertise is Essential to Nonprofit Clients and Attorney Colleagues**

Accomplishment: Recipient of Lawyers Alliance for New York's **2012 Cornerstone Award** honoring outstanding pro bono legal services to nonprofits, to be presented on November 13.

Highlights: David W. Lowden is a special counsel at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP where he works on corporate, commercial, real estate investment trust, nonprofit, and art law matters. He received a B.A. from Claremont McKenna College in 1971 and a J.D. from Duke University in 1974. He currently chairs the Committee on Non-Profit Organizations of the New York City Bar Association.

Since first partnering with Lawyers Alliance in 2001, Mr. Lowden has handled numerous pro bono cases, some individually and others in conjunction with other Stroock attorneys to whom he is a valuable collaborator, mentor, and leader.

Mr. Lowden guided five nonprofit clients through the incorporation and tax exemption process. **The Brooklyn Young Mothers' Collective** ("BYMC") approached Lawyers Alliance in 2004 when it was a volunteer-run organization operating within the Alternative Program for Pregnant and Parenting Services at a Brooklyn high school. Mr. Lowden worked with BYMC on its incorporation and tax exemption applications. Today, BYMC is its own separate entity that engages women through individualized support services. BYMC's Founder Benita Miller reports that, "David's support changed my personal and professional life in that his early and unwavering support of my idea helped launch BYMC. His support all those years ago had a positive ripple effect in the child welfare, maternal health, and educational fields." Other pro bono clients being formed with Mr. Lowden's help include **Northwest Bronx Community Action Fund**, **Kingsbridge Road Merchant Association**, **Oasis in the Desert Mews**, and **National Double Dutch League**.

Mr. Lowden has assisted 11 established organizations with corporate legal needs. He guided **New York Community Media Alliance** with negotiating a strategic alliance; **Women of Faith**, which serves teenage mothers, on the organization's governance structure; **Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York** ("NPCC") with a joint membership program; and **Manhattan Youth Recreation and Resources** on governance issues. His economic development clients include **Myrtle Commercial Revitalization and Development Project Local Development Corporation**, which established a legal entity to manage a revenue-generating parking facility, and **Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation**, which sought help preparing loan documents. Mr. Lowden is managing Stroock teams to assist **Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Gardens** with license agreements and corporate governance, **Start Small Think Big** and **The Financial Clinic** on corporate governance and structure, and **Funding Exchange** with endowment guidance.

Mr. Lowden says “Lawyers Alliance has been a source of many of the more interesting pro bono projects that I have had the pleasure to work on as part of Stroock’s Public Service Project. I have also enjoyed working with the fantastic staff of Lawyers Alliance on specific client matters as well as on broader issues discussed at meetings of the City Bar’s Committee on Non-Profit Organizations and the NPCC Government Relations Committee.”

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, 12 staff attorneys and 1,428 volunteer attorneys represented 628 clients on 1,026 matters and assisted hundreds of additional groups through educational programs.

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