



National Pro Bono Week Begins October 25, 2010

FACT: The poverty rate among NYC's older adults is more than 20% -- **DOUBLE** the national poverty rate for seniors. In fact, among the twenty most populous cities in the U.S., New York is second only to Detroit, in the percentage of its seniors living in poverty. Many of these older adults are integral parts of **New York City's growing immigrant communities**. The poverty rate among the City's **Hispanic elderly** population is three times the national average, while the rates for **Black and Asian elderly** are more than double that rate.

FACT: Last year, through Lawyers Alliance, **234** pro bono attorneys worked on **139** different legal matters for Immigrant Communities clients, and **184** pro bono attorneys worked on **132** different legal matters for Elder serving clients.

CASE EXAMPLES: 2010 Cornerstone honoree **Matthew Gurch** from **White & Case** assisted elder-serving **Sunnyside Community Services** with subcontracts when funding streams changed.

Honorees **Andres Gil, Ron Aizen,** and **legal team** from **Davis Polk** have helped **Groundswell Community Mural Project** with most of its business legal needs since 2006.

And one of our two institutional honorees, **Weil, Gotshal & Manges**, has been a leader in transactional pro bono, assisting dozens of clients, including immigrant community and elder-serving groups. One such client, **The Council on Senior Centers and Services**, has benefited from Weil's expertise in virtually all program areas.

In honor of National Pro Bono Week, Lawyers Alliance sincerely thanks its network of **1,400 volunteer attorneys**. Our annual Cornerstone Awards on **October 27th** honors outstanding volunteerism.

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