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Client Served: Downtown Community Television Center (“DCTV”)

Accomplishment: Assisted DCTV with the successful negotiation of licenses and other documentation for \$1.4 million in capital funding from NYC Department of Design and Construction toward a new DCTV cinema.

Specific Case Highlights: Downtown Community Television Center (DCTV) was founded in 1972 to foster a diverse and inclusive media arts community. DCTV pursues its educational mission by introducing community members to the basics of electronic media through hundreds of free or low-cost production courses, and over the past 35 years DCTV has taught over 50,000 students the basics of television production. Most of the students are from low-income and minority communities.

New York City’s Department of Design and Construction awarded \$1,414,000 to DCTV for the renovation of a 74-seat state-of-the-art digital public cinema at the DCTV premises. DCTV came to Lawyers Alliance for assistance with the negotiation, review and preparation of legal documents associated with the capital funding. James Schwab, D. Branch Furtado, and Adam Hahn of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP assisted with the review, negotiation and delivery to the City of contracts including a License Agreement and a Declaration of Restrictive Covenant, as well as all necessary supporting corporate documentation, which DCTV was required to enter into in connection with this award.

The new DCTV Cinema will serve as a destination screen and assembly space where established and emerging media artists and audiences will interact on a regular basis. They will participate not just in viewing completed works, but in the process of creation itself. After its 2010 opening the DCTV Cinema will feature over 200 cultural and screen events in the first year at which audiences and artists will watch, shape, and act on new media art work. A large international virtual audience will also be invited to attend most DCTV Cinema events via interactive webcasts.

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