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## VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENT

**Stephen H. Kinney, Jr. of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP**

*Ongoing Volunteer Counsel Advances Delivery of Emergency Medical Services*

**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.

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**Highlights:** Mr. Kinney leads Morgan Lewis' representation as volunteer counsel for **The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City, Inc. (REMSCO)**. Mr. Kinney's relationship with REMSCO began back in 1997 when he worked with the firm of Reid & Priest. REMSCO works to improve emergency medical services in New York City, with a goal of coordinating the City's emergency medical services in order to decrease the rates of death and disability caused by sudden accidents and illnesses, and to further ensure the availability of prompt and effective emergency care.

Early in his representation, Mr. Kinney helped REMSCO register several trademarks and interpret provisions of the Public Health Law under which REMSCO operates. Over the years, Mr. Kinney and others at his firm have worked on a variety of matters, including copyright guidance, conflict of interest policies, contract review, lobbying restrictions, development of protocols, and interpretation of administrative code. When Mr. Kinney moved to Morgan Lewis in 2008, he introduced REMSCO to the firm and the relationship continued.

Nancy Benedetto, REMSCO's Executive Director of Administration, is grateful for Mr. Kinney's assistance. "Legal issues and their associated fees can not only limit the good works done by not-for-profit and community groups, they can be financially devastating. Without the pro bono legal help from professionals like Stephen Kinney, our limited funds would be greatly diminished. He has helped us avoid potential legal issues with knowledgeable advice and recommendations."

Mr. Kinney has enjoyed working with REMSCO and says, "It has been a pleasure and an inspiration working with REMSCO over the years. Its officers, directors, and personnel are dedicated, hard-working, and motivated -- not by profit but by the desire to make New York City a better, safer place for everyone. It has been deeply satisfying to help them and their organization to provide this vital service to so many."

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