

INDIVIDUAL HONOREE



SAREN GOLDNER, *Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP*

Longtime volunteer mentors colleagues on pro bono projects while providing outstanding tax law support

For 15 years, Saren Goldner has given her time and expertise to Lawyers Alliance in the support of New York nonprofits. First as a primary volunteer and now as a supervising partner, Ms. Goldner has provided exceptional tax advice to clients and associates alike. Supervising partners play a critical role in providing pro bono services, as their knowledge and guidance is essential to ensuring accuracy and consistency. Ms. Goldner exemplifies the ideal supervisor, not only in her willingness to support associates in volunteering for Lawyers Alliance pro bono opportunities, but in her consistent attentiveness to the success of each matter. She serves as an example to junior attorneys, demonstrating the importance of continuing to involve oneself in pro bono work throughout one's career. Nonprofits across New York, including **Morningside Park Conservancy** and **Repurpose Wardrobe**, have benefited from Ms. Goldner's attention in overseeing their matters, ensuring positive outcomes and garnering praise from both organizations for the quality of the provided legal services. Ms. Goldner also prepared materials for a Lawyers Alliance urban agriculture legal guide used to assist nonprofits working in that rapidly expanding sector.

Employment:

Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP
Partner, Tax, Insurance

Graduate of:

SUNY University at Buffalo
School of Law

Lawyers Alliance clients:

America's Future Foundation
Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger
Essex Farm Institute
New American Leaders
New Dawn Charter High School
Morningside Park Conservancy
Repurpose Wardrobe
Youth and Family Focus

Q. How and why did you first become involved with Lawyers Alliance?

I have been doing pro bono work in New York City since 1997 when I first started private practice, and as a tax lawyer I developed a specialty in tax exempt organizations. Lawyers Alliance was a natural fit because so many fledgling organizations whose causes resonate with me are in need of assistance navigating the tax exempt legal world.

Q. Share a tip for making time for pro bono.

Choose a cause you believe in.

Q. Share a fun or unexpected moment from pro bono work through Lawyers Alliance

While working with Repurpose Wardrobe, it was fun to be able to craft a solution that others had not considered.

Q. What's the most rewarding aspect of pro bono work?

Helping people solve problems to empower them in achieving dreams.

"Saren and her team helped us navigate the unique space we were in as a small nonprofit in a retail setting, coming out of a pandemic. Saren provided us with a tremendous amount of time and knowledge and helped execute several different commercial co-venture agreements for our organization. We are grateful to Lawyers Alliance for placing us in such experienced hands."

— Jessica Freschl
Founder, Repurpose Wardrobe