

Alum Profile: Edward F. Greene

Edward F. Greene, Senior Counsel at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, is currently Chair of Lawyers Alliance’s Board of Advisors. However, his mark on this organization began about 45 years ago, when he was among the small group of attorneys who created the Council of New York Law Associates in 1969. He served as the first Chairman of the Steering Committee along with another key founder, Neal Johnston, recruited early members, and helped shape the Council’s initial course. Mr. Greene’s support and inspiration continued as he pursued his distinguished legal career in private practice, including a more than 20 year tenure with Cleary Gottlieb, as well as his work at the Securities Exchange Commission, Citigroup, and as a law professor.

In 2004, Mr. Greene joined Lawyers Alliance’s Board of Directors, serving as Chair in 2007 to 2010. He led the strategic planning process that helped shape Lawyers Alliance’s current priorities and direction. As a result, today Lawyers Alliance is a leading provider of business and transactional law services to nonprofits that help low-income New Yorkers, an advocate for the nonprofit sector, and a national business law pro bono leader. After his Board term ended in 2011, Mr. Greene helped create Lawyers Alliance’s Board of Advisors, which provides strategic, development, and operational guidance to the organization. When Board Chair John Lobrano recognized Mr. Greene’s contributions to Lawyers Alliance during the 2014 Gala awards presentation, Mr. Greene responded, “This is the most touching award I’ve ever received.”



Edward F. Greene with Diana Greene at the 45th Anniversary Business Law & Leadership Gala

This article is one of a series of profiles of the people who have helped to build Lawyers Alliance for New York since 1969.