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VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENT

Peter L. Curry

Experienced Real Estate Counsel: Strengthening Services to Seniors

Accomplishment: Recipient of Lawyers Alliance for New York's **2009 Cornerstone Award** honoring outstanding pro bono legal services to nonprofits, to be presented on Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

Highlights: Mr. Curry is being honored for his efforts assisting **Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP)**, a not-for-profit agency dedicated to improving the quality of life of older adults in Queens by providing direct services and linkages to community resources.

Mr. Curry has been working with SNAP since 2006, most recently on a renovation project full of twists and turns. Originally, SNAP was planning a major renovation of the space it occupied in Building #4 on the Creedmoor Psychiatric facility campus in Queens Village. When it turned out that SNAP would have to vacate this building, the organization began a search for a new home. After two negotiations with buildings that were for sale fell through, SNAP partnered with another social service agency that shares Building #4 to build new facilities on the Creedmoor campus.

This decision required, and still requires, planning meetings with representatives from the State Office of Mental Health, the Dormitory Authority, and all of the parties involved. As a result of Mr. Curry's efforts, SNAP has a workable agreement to acquire its new space.

Says Linda Leest, SNAP's Executive Director, "Peter Curry is a smart, kind, knowledgeable, dedicated, compassionate and superior ally to have on your side. Without his support, I would not have been able to negotiate the agreement and the building project would not be moving forward."

Other Lawyers Alliance clients Mr. Curry has served include: **Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigration Rights, Jamaica Service Program for Older Adults, East 104th Street Housing Development Fund Corporation.**

About Lawyers Alliance for New York: Lawyers Alliance for New York is the leading provider of business and transactional legal services for nonprofit organizations that are improving the quality of life in New York City neighborhoods. By connecting lawyers, nonprofits, and communities, Lawyers Alliance helps nonprofits to develop affordable housing, stimulate economic development, and operate vital programs for children and young people, the elderly, recent immigrants, and other low-income New Yorkers. During the past year, the 14 staff attorneys and more than 1,400 active volunteers represented 560 nonprofit clients on more than 970 matters.

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