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**Farrell Fritz Attorney, Deirdre Mitacek, to Receive *Cornerstone Award*
for Pro Bono Legal Service**

Deirdre Mitacek, an associate in the firm's Tax practice group, has been selected by the Lawyers Alliance for New York to receive the *Cornerstone Award* for her pro bono work. Deirdre is being honored for her work on behalf of several Lawyers Alliance clients, including Queens-based East River Development Alliance, Inc. and Queensbridge Scholarship Fund. The award ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pfizer Conference Facility in New York City.

The **East River Development Alliance** is a community development organization that works with city and state agencies, local businesses and other charitable organizations to improve economic and social conditions in Long Island City. Deirdre helped to incorporate the Alliance and obtain its tax-exempt status. The **Queensbridge Scholarship Fund** provides educational grants to high school seniors and other residents of the Queensbridge project seeking to further their education. Deirdre helped establish the Fund as a non-profit public housing corporation. She is currently advocating to obtain federal, New York State and New York City tax exemptions for the Fund.

Lawyers Alliance for New York, founded in 1969, is the leading provider of free and low-cost business and transactional legal services to nonprofit and community development organizations in New York City.

Earlier this year, Farrell Fritz partner Louis Vlahos was recognized by Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center for his pro bono efforts on behalf of a number of charities on Long Island and in Queens. Mr. Vlahos heads the tax practice at Farrell Fritz and oversees its pro bono activities.

For further information on Lawyers Alliance for New York, please visit their website at: www.lany.org. For further information on the pro bono services provided by Ms. Mitacek, Mr. Vlahos and other attorneys at Farrell Fritz, P.C., please visit our website at www.farrellfritz.com and click on "Community and Pro Bono."

About Farrell Fritz

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