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### ***Dedicated Tax Counsel Assists Nonprofits with Complex Federal Laws and Procedures***

Anthony J. Distinti is a tax associate at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP. He received a B.A. from Haverford College in 2001, an M.Ed. from Lehman College in 2004, his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 2007, and his LL.M. in Tax from New York University School of Law in 2010.

Mr. Distinti has been providing legal assistance to **Sixth Street Community Center** (the Center) in addressing not-for-profit organization compliance issues and audit requirements pertaining to its Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and other programs. The Center, located on the Lower East Side, offers a variety of free arts, writing, gardening, afterschool, and summer programs for low- and moderate-income youth, as well as the CSA, which provides 150 neighborhood households with fresh organic produce on a weekly basis. The Center's Executive Director Howard Brandstein says, "Tony definitely gets the highest grades from our perspective. Not only has he been a critical presence in bringing expertise to our financial management, he's also very likable and always accessible. He was willing to go so far, on one occasion, as to bring folders and other supplies he thought would be helpful in our organizing the Center's records and materials to prepare for an audit. We really appreciate Tony not only for the excellent legal counsel and support, but because of the sensitive way he goes about providing that, including his flexibility and willingness to assist with additional matters that have arisen in the course of our working together."

Mr. Distinti also worked with the **Audre Lorde Project** (ALP) to help it review its federal tax obligations. ALP is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, two spirit, trans, and gender nonconforming people of color center for community organizing, focusing on the New York City area. It works for community wellness and progressive social and economic justice. Staff at ALP are effusive in their acknowledgment of Mr. Distinti's efforts, describing him as "awesome", "diligent," and "accessible" as they sought to understand federal tax law issues and Internal Revenue Service filing requirements.

Says Mr. Distinti of his pro bono experiences, "Working with Lawyers Alliance has given me the opportunity to do challenging work for excellent tax-exempt organizations that are out there every day doing good for the world. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience with a tangible impact, and I'm grateful to be able to participate in the work that Lawyers Alliance does."