



ABA Journal Features Allison Yacker's Efforts to Support Small Business Through the Pandemic

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Allison Yacker, a New York partner and co-chair of the Investment Management and Funds practice, was profiled by the *ABA Journal* in an article on attorneys providing pro bono assistance to small businesses navigating the complexities around the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and the Paycheck Protection Program. Allison noted that she “felt compelled” to help because the pandemic “hit home for me, New York being an epicenter of the virus.” She was overwhelmed by the number of partners in her firm who felt the same way as she sought out volunteers to work with the Small Business Legal Relief Alliance (SBLRA), an alliance of law firms and legal service providers committed to providing free legal counsel and financial aid guidance to New York's small business community and non-profits. Allison stated, “What I tried to impress upon my colleagues is if any of us want to return to work and see a vision of New York that reminds us of what it looked like pre-COVID, then we all have to roll up our sleeves and do our part. We all have to help these New York businesses stay in business.” ([“Small businesses have COVID-19 questions, and the legal profession is working to answer them,”](#) June 29, 2020)

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