

# **Akerman Adds Pro Bono Director Gina DelChiaro**

Gina DelChiaro has joined Akerman LLP as the firm's director of pro bono initiatives. She joins Akerman from Lawyers Alliance for New York (Lawyers Alliance), a provider of legal services for nonprofit organizations and social enterprises, where she served as corporate engagement counsel.

The firm said DelChiaro brings nearly 15 years of experience spearheading pro bono efforts alongside legal organizations and other law firms. While at Lawyers Alliance, she led effective corporate outreach strategies that resulted in the attraction and retention of 1,800 pro bono volunteer lawyers who counseled nonprofits in the areas of corporate governance, tax, real estate and transactional issues critical to their operations. DelChiaro organized a national network of pro bono providers, serving nonprofits in 15 cities around the United States. Under her helm, these efforts led to the advancing in the field of business law pro bono nationwide.

Prior to Lawyers Alliance, DelChiaro was a senior staff attorney at Human Rights First, where she helped coordinate pro bono representation of asylum-seekers and immigrants with law firms. Upon graduating law school, she spent six years in private practice, representing clients in a variety of capital markets, securities, complex commercial litigation and pro bono matters. DelChiaro is a longtime member of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services.