

Stroock Leads Coalition of Law Firms, Legal Aid Organizations to Launch Small Business Legal Relief Alliance

New York, NY – In an effort to provide substantive legal counsel to the New York businesses and organizations most directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, together with partner law firms and legal aid organizations, has launched the Small Business Legal Relief Alliance (SBLRA).

The SBLRA is a collaborative effort between top law firms and legal services organizations to offer free counsel for qualifying small businesses, the self-employed, cooperatives and nonprofits. Pro bono legal guidance by SBLRA's partners during telephonic consultations includes:

- Understanding loan and grant programs
- Tax
- Commercial leases
- Contractual issues
- Labor and employment
- Insurance
- Intellectual property rights
- General business issues

Partner organizations include: VOLS (Volunteers of Legal Service); The Legal Aid Society; Legal Services New York; IMPACCT Brooklyn; New York Lawyers for the Public Interest; TakeRoot Justice; Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A; and Start Small Think Big. In addition to Stroock, SBLRA partner

firms include: Akin Gump; Arnold & Porter; Davis Polk; Greenberg Traurig; Milbank; Morgan Lewis & Bockius; Morrison & Foerster; Ropes & Gray; Schulte Roth & Zabel; Shearman & Sterling; Sidley Austin; Simpson Thacher & Bartlett; Vinson & Elkins; and Morgan Stanley.

For more information, businesses and nonprofits interested in determining their eligibility for the legal guidance offered by SBLRA are encouraged to visit the websites of the program's participating legal aid organizations and www.SBLRA.org.