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New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc. (NJVLA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a registered New Jersey charity that provides *pro bono* (free) legal referrals to organizations involved in culture or the arts and individuals involved in any creative or cultural endeavor, including musicians, songwriters, visual artists, dancers, poets, filmmakers, and writers.

NJVLA matches New Jersey artist and arts and cultural organization clients with volunteer attorneys who assist them with arts-related legal issues such as copy-right, contracts between art-

ists of every discipline and other parties, organization formation, taxes on artist royalties, and real estate and landlord/tenant issues regarding studio and gallery space, as well as many other types of arts-related legal problems.

NJVLA also presents educational programs and provides speakers on a wide range of arts-related legal topics. Our website, [www.njvla.org](http://www.njvla.org), contains information on a variety of legal issues and links to many legal and arts resources.

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## New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc., invites you to

# Fall for the Arts

On Friday, October 22, 2010, New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc. (NJVLA) will host "Fall for the Arts" at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit. The fundraising event will feature live music, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, as well as a



silent auction including works of art and arts-related gift certificates. "Fall for the Arts" celebrates the interaction between the arts and legal communities, gathering together judges, attor-

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neys, law students, artists and arts patrons for a night of entertainment and networking. There will be musical performances by Nick Pablo Thang, led by NJVLA Board President Nicholas Stevens, Esq.; Deborah Fennelly, Esq., NJVLA Board Vice President; and David Maiullo, Music Director of The Bravo Alliance of Performing Artists and former client of NJVLA. This year's event honors the contributions of outstanding NJVLA volunteer Matthew Savare, Esq., an attorney at Lowenstein Sandler PC.

The event will run from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, located at 68 Elm Street in Summit. Tickets are \$100 for the general public and \$75 for government and non-profit attorneys and employees as well as students. Buy two full-price tickets and receive a \$10 credit toward silent auction purchases; buy four tickets and receive a \$25 credit toward silent auction purchases. Packages also are available for firms. For more information on the event and purchasing tickets, please visit [www.njvla.org/order.html](http://www.njvla.org/order.html). Please join us to support our organization and enjoy an evening of arts and entertainment.

## Meet the Honoree: Matthew Savare, Esq.

During this year's "Fall for the Arts" fundraiser, New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc., will honor attorney Matthew Savare for his commitment to NJVLA and the New Jersey Arts Community. Matt, an associate at Lowenstein Sandler PC, has volunteered with NJVLA since the organization started providing legal referrals in 2005. Over the past five years, Matt has handled more than a dozen *pro bono* cases through NJVLA, representing numerous artists and arts and cultural organizations on legal matters. His *pro bono* work through NJVLA has included advising recording artists, filmmakers, and fine art non-profit groups on contract, intellectual property, and technology law issues.

"I've done a little bit of everything for NJVLA," Matt says. "I've done almost every facet of entertainment law."

Matt's work at Lowenstein Sandler focuses on film, television, and new media licensing. By working with *pro bono* clients through NJVLA, Matt tries to educate both new and experienced artists and arts groups on contract negotiation, entertainment law, and other related legal issues. Despite his professional and family commitments, Matt has been one of NJVLA's most dedicated and involved volunteers.

"While earning his keep at a large law firm, Matthew has been kind enough to donate his time and skills to NJVLA in many ways, from assisting with website development to providing hours of



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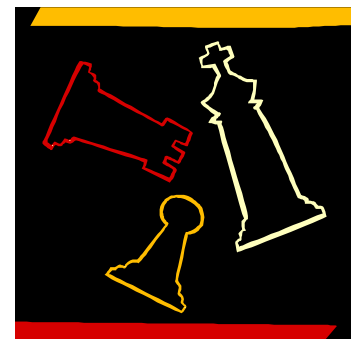
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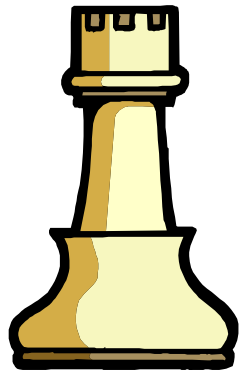
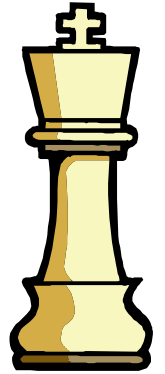
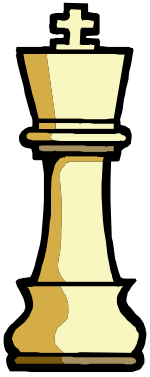
Matt ensures that artists and non-profits are committing to fair and informed legal transactions. Ben Goldman, cWOW Executive Director, will be on hand at the event to thank Matt personally for his help.

"A program like NJVLA is essential in protecting the rights of artists," Matt says. "A lot of artists don't have resources to go and hire experienced counsel. NJVLA fills the void with their service and helps people protect their livelihood."

*pro bono* service on many matters," says NJVLA Board President Nicholas Stevens, Esq., a partner at Starr, Gern, Davison & Rubin, PC, in Roseland. He is "truly a blessing."

During the course of his volunteer work with NJVLA, Matt has developed a strong relationship with the art gallery City Without Walls (cWOW). In one NJVLA matter, he worked with the non-profit on setting up their website, [www.cwow.org](http://www.cwow.org), helping to draft a privacy policy and negotiate with the web developer. By overseeing the cases of City Without Walls and his other NJVLA clients,





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for services above and beyond the call of duty during  
the summer of 2010.

## NJVLA Services

New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Inc. (NJVLA) provides legal education, representation, and other legal services to the entire State's Arts Community, and in particular to low-income artists and non-profit organizations.

NJVLA provides artists and arts and cultural organizations with referrals to volunteer attorneys who provide a range of services:



**The Legal Line:** An attorney discusses an arts-related legal issue with a client in a 30-60 minute telephone consultation.



**The Law Fax:** An attorney reviews a short (three pages or fewer) legal document and discusses the contents with the client in a 30-60 minute telephone consultation.



**The Full Service**

**Referral:** An attorney takes on a case for an

artist or arts or cultural organization when an arts-related legal issue cannot be resolved in a single telephone call, such as litigation, negotiation, document drafting, and organization formation. The attorney's time is provided free, with the client responsible for any costs such as court fees.