

New York Law Journal Reports on BLB&G Collaboration with City Year New York to Refurbish P.S./I.S.308 Clara Cardwell School In Brooklyn

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"Columbus Day in Bed-Stuy"

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Normally, the New York office of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann remains open for business on Columbus Day, that autumn breather usually associated with loafing somewhere upstate where the air is crisp and the foliage colorful. But this time around, Bernstein Litowitz will close its midtown Manhattan doors on October 11 so that everybody--15 associates, 10 partners and some 40 support staffers--can spend the holiday in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn.

There, in partnership with City Year, the law firm crew will spruce up P.S./I.S. 308, the Clara Cardwell School. Alexander Coxe, the firm's marketing coordinator, said his colleagues will engage in such non-legal matters as painting, janitorial, sanding and plaster spackling, "and probably some minor carpentry."

City Year, a division of AmeriCorps, was founded in Boston in 1988 as a means of encouraging young professionals to devote time to public service. The organization's slogan is "Young enough to want to change the world, old enough to do it."