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David Connelly is committed to finding new ways to make legal services available to social entrepreneurs. He believes lawyers can and must play a major role in the creation and direction of socially driven organizations, and that their expertise is critical to inform underlying regulatory and operational considerations.

A student at NYU Law, David is working to develop student collaborations with social entrepreneurs and community development organizations. He has helped plan and lead a project linking law students to young social entrepreneurs as well an Alternative Spring Break program to Kenya. Over the past two summers he has worked at the Washington Heights and Inwood Development Corporation; Becker, Glynn, Melamed and Muffly, LLP; and Davis Polk & Wardwell, LLP in New York and Madrid.

David earned his Bachelor's degree in anthropology and his Master's in international relations at the University of Chicago. After teaching for a year in Spain, he came to New York and worked for a solo-practitioner heavily involved in education reform. David was excited to see how a passionate advocate could incorporate a cause into a commercial practice, inspiring him to seek out other ways to wield legal expertise for the promotion of systemic social change. He volunteered time researching corporate social responsibility initiatives for NYU's Institute of International Law and Justice and worked as a development officer at Indego Africa, an attorney-led social enterprise partnered with women's cooperatives in Rwanda. David was also a fellow at Kiva.org, where he represented the innovative microfinance platform at partner institutions in Peru and Colombia.