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A Jenner & Block team provided Bright Star Community Outreach (Bright Star) with real estate counsel to purchase Tabernacle Church, with input from the firm's tax, environmental, and bankruptcy lawyers.

With facilities spanning 26,000 square feet and a 2,000-plus seat sanctuary, the church, will allow the organization to expand their efforts and establish a larger footprint in the community.

Bright Star entered into an initial agreement to purchase the church, located in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood, in late 2023 and the transaction closed in June 2024. Jenner will continue to provide legal support as the facilities are renovated and brought into operation.

Partner Sheila Kailus, Associates Allyssa Milam and Jessica Black, and Paralegal Jiwon Kim assisted with real estate counseling. The team received support from Partners Gail Morse, Sarah Weiss, and Steve Siros, and Associates Daniel Robertson and Bill Williams.

Bright Star Community Outreach is a nonprofit organization in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood that helps the city's most vulnerable communities tackle societal challenges. In Bright Star's twelve-year history, the organization has developed initiatives and programming that focus on community engagement, economic development, violence prevention, and healthy children and families.

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