

Since 1983, the AIDS  
Legal Referral Panel (ALRP)  
of the San Francisco Bay Area  
has handled over 50,000 legal  
matters for people living  
with HIV/AIDS.  
Our panel of over 700 ALRP  
attorneys is ready to provide  
comprehensive legal services  
to help you resolve your  
legal problem.

### How To Volunteer/Donate

ALRP relies on the legal community's tradition of pro bono service and the generosity of many individuals and organizations to meet the legal needs of people with HIV/AIDS.

ALRP needs volunteers to donate their time in a multitude of ways. To volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 415.701.1200 ext. 303.

To donate, please mail your tax-deductible gift to:  
ALRP, 1663 Mission Street, Suite 500  
San Francisco, CA 94103.

Your contribution, large or small,  
is greatly appreciated.

### Attorneys Helping You

If you have a legal problem, please call us:

**415-701-1100**

**510-451-5353**

Because it's not just about people's legal issues –  
it's about people's lives.



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Legal services for people with HIV/AIDS  
in the San Francisco Bay Area.



# The Legal Community's Caring Response to HIV/AIDS.

The AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP) protects and advances the legal rights of people living with HIV/AIDS. ALRP provides free and low-cost legal services and advocacy in civil matters.

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## Client Services

HIV infection often brings unexpected and confusing legal problems. A qualified attorney can help avoid or solve many of the legal issues that arise.

- Information about your legal rights as a person living with HIV/AIDS
- Referral to a qualified attorney
- Brochures and clinics explaining your legal rights

Many ALRP attorney services are free. Fees on some matters are based on your ability to pay and the nature of your case. Servicios también disponibles en español.

## Insurance & Employee Benefits

If you are living with HIV/AIDS, you may make use of health, life, and/or disability insurance. Disputes with your employer or insurance company may arise concerning claims, your level of coverage, preexisting conditions, and other issues.

We may be able to help you if your coverage is denied or if you'd simply like to better understand your policy.

## Housing

People living with HIV/AIDS may face problems with a landlord or be threatened with eviction. This may be due to money problems, HIV discrimination, refusal to make a reasonable accommodation, or other reasons. If you are having housing problems, contact one of ALRP's housing attorneys.

## Wills & Powers Of Attorney

Everyone should have a will and several other legal documents:

- Will - ensures that someone you choose is empowered to carry out your intentions, including property distribution (regardless of how much property you own) as well as funeral and burial instructions.
- Durable Power of Attorney - authorizes someone to manage your financial affairs on your behalf.
- Advance Health Care Directive - gives a partner, spouse, close relative, or trusted friend the authority to make medical decisions on your behalf should you become incapacitated.

If you need these documents drawn up, give us a call.

## Bankruptcy & Collections

Most people with HIV/AIDS experience some degree of financial hardship due to their medical condition or inability to work. ALRP can help you with your debt-related problems and can negotiate with the debt collectors, often without filing for bankruptcy.

## Government Benefits

If your Social Security or SDI application has been denied and you want to appeal, or if you are having trouble with Social Security Disability or other government benefits, an ALRP attorney may be able to help you.

## Employment

A person with HIV/AIDS may be subject to discrimination or need a reasonable accommodation at work. Federal, state and local laws protect you from employment discrimination and may guarantee your right to disability leave without losing your job.

## Privacy/Confidentiality

Health care providers, employers, social workers, therapists, and other professionals have a duty of confidentiality and may not disclose your HIV status without your permission. If your confidentiality has been breached, call ALRP.

## Immigration

Immigrants with HIV/AIDS face additional hurdles with their immigration issues. The ALRP Immigrant HIV Assistance Project (IHAP) provides legal services to immigrants and asylees with HIV/AIDS living in the Bay Area.

If you have questions about establishing permanent residency, HIV waivers, political asylum, suspension of deportation, or naturalization, give ALRP a call.

## Outreach

ALRP provides legal services in a culturally sensitive manner to under-served communities. To reach people who traditionally have experienced obstacles accessing legal services, ALRP holds legal clinics and forums in cooperation with community-based organizations throughout the Bay Area.

Contact us if you would like ALRP to make a presentation to your group or organization.

## Attorney Recruitment & Training

ALRP actively recruits attorneys, notaries and other legal professionals from diverse communities. ALRP provides HIV/AIDS-based legal education to our volunteer attorneys. Our Volunteer Coordinator ensures that trainings and mentoring are provided in the substantive areas of law most needed by our clients. ALRP also provides updates to its panel attorneys on pressing legal issues affecting our clients.

## Training For HIV Service Providers

ALRP makes presentations to staff, volunteers and clients of HIV/AIDS service organizations throughout the Bay Area. Call ALRP if you would like a presentation for your agency.

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