

AIDS Legal Referral Panel

2017 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



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& volunteers

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ALRP at
Academy of Friends Gala
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Party
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AIDS Walk
JULY 15

To Our ALRP Family & Friends

WELCOME TO THE ALRP 2017 YEAR-IN-REVIEW.

Thank you for your support of ALRP and our efforts to help people with HIV/AIDS maintain or improve their health by resolving their legal issues. Your leadership, volunteerism and contributions are what enable ALRP to continue to provide essential services to people living with HIV/AIDS.

- ALRP has now handled more than **76,000 legal matters** for people with HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco Bay Area since our founding in 1983.
- ALRP helped 1,511 clients with **2,316 legal matters** in 2017 - a **55% increase** over the last 15 years.
- Half of our 2017 clients were people of color; 81% were LGBT.
- Over **82% of our 2017 clients were very low-income.**

With your help, ALRP's staff and Panel attorneys focused on issues that have a very significant impact on the health and well-being of our clients, especially housing, immigration status, disability income, employment, and aging with HIV.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Handled a **record 840 housing cases** - a **65% increase** since 2010; ALRP's increasingly zealous housing representation is keeping people with HIV housed in San Francisco, where they can continue to access the services they need to manage their health
- Handled **318 insurance-related cases** and **227 immigration cases**
- Presented **22 MCLE trainings** to 155 attorneys and **added 42 new Panel attorney**
- Conducted budget advocacy with the *Homeless Emergency Services Providers Association* (HESPA) which led to the addition of millions of dollars in new funding for services to address homelessness, including desperately needed housing subsidies for seniors and adults with disabilities
- Took a leadership role in the *HIV/AIDS Provider Network* (HAPN), the contractors' association for agencies that contract with the City to provide HIV services, and worked collaboratively with an array of community partners as part of the Mayor's *Long Term Care Coordinating Council*, where ALRP's Executive Director Bill Hirsh advocates for housing and community-based services
- Conducted **89 outreach presentations** with our community partners, including *Face To Face*, *Shanti*, *AIDS Project of the East Bay*, *Positive Resource Center*, *Project Open Hand*, and the *San Francisco AIDS Foundation*

Up Your Alley Fair
JULY 29

Folsom Street Fair
SEPTEMBER 30

ALRP
From the Heart
35th Annual Reception
OCTOBER 17

REAF Holiday Gala
DECEMBER 3

Check out our 2017
[PHOTO GALLERIES](#)

HELPING PEOPLE WITH HIV/AIDS - ONE CLIENT AT A TIME

ALRP defines success as improving the health of our clients by helping them resolve their legal issues. We measure outcomes through client satisfaction surveys and case outcome reports from attorneys. In 2017, 89% of ALRP clients reported that they were satisfied with their case's outcome. Here is the story of one client we helped in 2017:

An ALRP client, who has lived in his home for twenty years, came to ALRP when he received an eviction notice. After working for years for an airline, his health took a bad turn and he couldn't work. He then fell behind on his rent. Every day when he left his apartment he worried he would come back to find that he had been locked out. An ALRP staff attorney was able to secure a settlement to save his home. Additionally, ALRP connected the client to another agency for back rent assistance and an ongoing housing subsidy. The client and his dog Millie were extremely relieved to have secure and stable housing.

35 YEARS of PRUDENT STEWARDSHIP

Despite a challenging fundraising environment, ALRP continues to be an efficient and well-managed steward of your contributions:

- For 35 years ALRP has remained an excellent example of a fiscally well-managed agency
- ALRP has met or exceeded its revenue goals for the last fourteen consecutive years
- Last year we surpassed our individual major donor campaign goal by raising over \$117,000, and ALRP's Annual Reception raised over \$183,000 to support ALRP programs

2018: A YEAR OF CHALLENGE

The greatest challenge facing ALRP, and many other legal services agencies, is the threat of dramatic funding reductions from the federal government. San Francisco's commitment to remaining a Sanctuary City has been inspiring. However, the City risks losing significant federal funding, whether through efforts to bully Sanctuary Cities or through the slashing of the federal budget for safety net services. For our clients, the biggest challenges are access to affordable health care and housing.

ALRP's legal services help safeguard the rights of vulnerable individuals and groups, many of whom are rightly concerned about potential threats to their civil liberties as well as disruptions to their access to housing and health care. The stakes for clients with HIV are great.

YOU - THE HEART of the ALRP FAMILY

If we are to continue to be there for our clients when they need us to stand up for them, we will need the entire ALRP family - staff, volunteers and supporters - to sustain ALRP's work and ensure that we can continue to serve clients effectively in all civil legal matters.

Soon we will be launching the **ALRP Heart of the Family 35th Anniversary Campaign**, an initiative aimed at keeping ALRP's free legal services available to anyone who needs them. As a valued member of the ALRP family, we invite you to join us.

From the heart,



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