

AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP)

2018 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



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donors, volunteers,
Panel attorneys, & community
partners

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Dear Hannah,

WELCOME TO THE ALRP 2018 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 **78,000 legal matters** for people with HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco Bay Area since our founding in 1983
- ALRP helped 1,566 clients with a **record 2,483 legal matters** in 2018 - a **66% increase** over the last 15 years
- 54% of our 2018 clients were people of color; 83% were LGBTQ
- Over **83% of our 2018 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.

2018 ALRP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Played a leadership role in securing city funding for a new civil right to counsel in San Francisco eviction cases; the San Francisco civil legal aid network hired roughly 15 new housing attorneys; ALRP brought on a new housing attorney in October, bringing the total number to five; ALRP handled a **record 933 housing cases last year**, an 11% increase in just the last year
- Expanded our *Immigration HIV Advocacy Project* (IHAP) by adding a new immigration attorney to conduct extensive outreach and education for both service providers and immigrants living with HIV; ALRP handled **240 immigration cases last year** in areas such as political asylum,

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LIST OF 2019 EVENTS

ALRP at
Academy of Friends Gala
FEBRUARY 24



ALRP Volunteer
Appreciation Party
APRIL 17



ALRP Major Donor
Party
MAY 15



AIDS Walk
JULY 14



Up Your Alley Fair
JULY 28

deportation defense, adjustment of status, and naturalization

- ALRP Housing Attorney, Jeff Dulgar, taught the **Golden Gate University (GGU) School of Law's Honors Lawyering Program**, giving GGU law students an opportunity to assist ALRP housing clients with cases involving evictions, fair housing, unlawful rent increases, and habitability issues
- 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
- Continued a leadership role in the *HIV/AIDS Provider Network (HAPN)*, the 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
- Presented **15 MCLE trainings** to more than 100 attorneys and **added 28 new attorneys to our Panel**
- Conducted **76 outreach presentations** with our community partners, including *Catholic Charities, Face To Face, Kaiser Permanente, Larkin Street, PRC, Project Open Hand, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Shanti Project, UCSF Women's HIV Program* and *Ward 86*

Helping People with HIV/AIDS - the HEART & SOUL of Our Work:

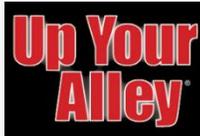
ALRP defines success as improving the health of our clients by helping them resolve their legal issues. We measure outcomes through client satisfaction surveys and case outcome reports from attorneys. In 2018, 92% of ALRP clients reported that they were satisfied with their case's outcome. Here is the story of two clients we helped in 2018:

Long-Term Tenant's Housing Saved:

An ALRP client was served with an unlawful detainer lawsuit, alleging that that he had failed to pay several months' worth of rent. Our client fell behind in his rent after over-extending himself financially, which caused several rent checks to bounce. This client has lived in his home since 1992, and feared that he would be forced to leave San Francisco if he were to lose his housing. Our client's unit also contained substantial damage from mold, and heaters within his unit were also broken. Additionally, ALRP discovered an improper rent increase in our client's rent history. These issues gave ALRP the leverage we needed to obtain an agreement keeping our client in his home. This client also worked with ALRP's HIV Consumer Advocate, Jeremy Tsuchitani-Watson, who helped the client to enroll in money management services to help ensure he does not fall behind in his rent in the future.

Client Receives Political Asylum:

This ALRP client suffered tremendous stress and persecution as a result of being an HIV+ gay man in Venezuela, including being a victim of attacks by the police that put his life at risk, and his fear of returning to Venezuela where he believes he would be killed by the police because he is gay. Our client also had issues accessing the medications necessary to treat HIV in Venezuela. ALRP referred his asylum case to our contacts at Perkins Coie LLP through the ALRP *Pro Bono Connections Initiative (PBCI)* program. After waiting more than three years after the initial filing of his affirmative



Folsom Street Fair
SEPTEMBER 29



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From the Heart
36th Annual Reception
& Auction
NOVEMBER 7



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application for an Asylum Office interview, his case was finally reviewed and his application for asylum was approved. Meanwhile, the client secured work authorization and volunteered in different organizations serving the Latino LGBTQ community. He has become well-integrated into his adopted hometown of San Francisco.

36 YEARS of PRUDENT STEWARDSHIP, and counting...

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

- For 36 years ALRP has remained an excellent example of a fiscally well-managed agency
- ALRP has met or exceeded its revenue goals for the last 15 consecutive years
- Last year we surpassed our individual major donor campaign goal by raising over \$115,000, and ALRP's Annual Reception & Auction raised a record \$186,040 to support ALRP programs

YOU - THE HEART OF THE ALRP FAMILY

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.

If ALRP is 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 & Soul 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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