The mission of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP) is to help people living with HIV/AIDS maintain or improve their health by resolving their legal issues.

ALRP provides free and low-cost legal services and advocacy in civil matters to people living with HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Since 1983, ALRP has handled over 60,000 legal matters for our clients. Our Panel of over 700 volunteer attorneys is ready to provide comprehensive legal services to help resolve legal issues.

Many ALRP services are free. Fees for some matters are based on a client’s ability to pay and the nature of the case. Our services include:

- Consultations about a client’s legal rights as a person living with HIV/AIDS
- Referrals to qualified attorneys on our Panel
- Direct representation by an ALRP staff attorney

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

To volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (415) 701-1200 ext. 303.

To donate, please mail your tax-deductible gift to:

AIDS Legal Referral Panel
1663 Mission Street, Suite 500
San Francisco, CA 94103

or visit www.alrp.org and click on the Donate Now $ button. Your contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated.
Government Benefits
ALRP provides assistance to clients who are experiencing problems with their government benefits, including denials of applications for Social Security Disability benefits.

Employment
A person with HIV/AIDS may be subject to illegal discrimination or need a reasonable accommodation at work. ALRP’s legal services help to ensure that the legal rights of people living with HIV/AIDS are enforced in the workplace.

Confidentiality
Health care providers, employers, social workers, therapists, and other professionals have a duty of confidentiality and generally may not disclose a client’s HIV status without permission. ALRP provides legal assistance to clients who experience a breach of confidentiality.

Outreach
The AIDS Community Outreach Program (ACOP) ensures that ALRP’s services are available to underserved communities such as people of color, women, people who identify as transgender, people with substance abuse/mental health issues, and the indigent. We hold legal clinics and provide educational presentations with community-based organizations and client groups throughout the Bay Area.

Housing
The AIDS Housing Advocacy Project (AHAP) assists clients with a range of housing issues and helps prevent clients from becoming homeless. We:

- Counsel clients who have been served with an eviction notice, and negotiate directly with landlords and their legal counsel to resolve eviction lawsuits
- Advocate on behalf of clients whose living space has been rendered uninhabitable
- Secure reasonable accommodations for clients
- Educate the community, including both housing providers and tenants, about federal and state fair housing laws
- Publish brochures and conduct clinics explaining the legal rights of tenants living with HIV/AIDS

Insurance & Employee Benefits
The HIV/AIDS Insurance Protection Project (HIPP) helps level the playing field for people whose health and well-being are put at risk by insurance companies. We:

- Advocate for clients whose long-term disability insurance is in jeopardy
- Provide advice, consultation, and advocacy to clients who are struggling to obtain or keep public and private health insurance
- Conduct legal trainings for clients to make them aware of their rights
- Recruit and train attorneys to volunteer or serve as co-counsel for HIPP cases

Immigration
The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project (IHAP) provides legal services to immigrants living in the San Francisco Bay Area. IHAP’s services include assistance with obtaining legal permanent residence (green cards), political asylum, suspension of deportation, and naturalization.

Consumer Advocacy
The HIV Consumer Advocacy Project (HCAP) is designed to assist people living with HIV/AIDS who have experienced difficulty accessing services from Ryan White Program-funded agencies located in San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties. We provide direct advocacy, mediation, information, and referrals.

Credit & Bankruptcy
Many people with HIV/AIDS experience some degree of financial hardship due to their medical condition or inability to work. ALRP counsels clients about their debt-related problems and can negotiate with collections agencies. When appropriate, ALRP will refer clients to an experienced bankruptcy attorney.

Wills & Powers of Attorney
ALRP can assist clients who wish to execute wills and other important legal documents.

- A will is a legal document that determines what happens to your property after your death. A will can include other information about your wishes, such as funeral and burial instructions
- A Durable Power of Attorney authorizes someone to manage your financial affairs on your behalf
- An Advance Health Care Directive gives another person the authority to make medical decisions on your behalf if you become incapacitated

Other areas of law

Attorneys Helping You
If you have a legal problem, please call us: (415) 701-1100 or (510) 451-5353