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upcoming events

Oscar Gala
February 28, 2016
SF Design Center

Watch the 2016 Academy Awards while enjoying food and drinks provided by the Bay Area's finest restaurants and caterers. 100% of ticket sales go back to ALRP.



Volunteer Appreciation Party
April 21, 2016
Pillsbury Winthrop

Join us as we recognize you for the hard work you do on behalf of our clients with a formal award ceremony. Wine and hors d'oeuvres served.



Major Donor Party
May 25, 2016
Pillsbury Cafe

Network with friends and colleagues while enjoying delicious food and wine at this annual fundraising event.



AIDS Walk 2016
July 17

Golden Gate Park

Join the Legal Eagles team and help us raise funds for ALRP's programs at the 30th annual AIDS Walk.



REAF Gala
August 21, 2016
Herbst Theater

Come support ALRP while watching Broadway-quality performances and enjoying wine, champagne, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction.



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when a client becomes family



Endy Ukoha-Ajike's first assignment as an ALRP Panel attorney was life-changing for both himself and his client. An immigrant from Nigeria via England, he was just starting out his law career after graduating from Golden Gate University's School of Law when a colleague suggested he volunteer with ALRP. "I was used to volunteering through my church," Endy said. "I thought ALRP would be another great way for me to give back."

He never could have expected the case he was given. His client, Ellie Cachette, was 17 years old and had just been orphaned. Her father, who had hemophilia, had contracted HIV from a product that helped blood clot. "My father had sole custody of me and was raising me by himself," said Ellie. "When he passed away of AIDS at age 37, I was instantly orphaned. All his bank accounts were frozen until the court could appoint a guardian ad litem, and I was immediately homeless as a junior in high school." To make matters worse, her father's girlfriend began forging documents and seizing Ellie's assets.

Ellie's father had been very active in the HIV/AIDS community, and she had heard about ALRP from some of his friends. "My dad was a heterosexual male who was working really hard to bridge the gap between the gay and straight HIV/AIDS communities," she said. "He was involved in Act Up Golden Gate, and one of their lawyers called ALRP for me. I said I wanted the most aggressive lawyer they could find. They sent me to Endy."

Endy practices primarily in the areas of tax, estate planning and business consulting at the Ukoha-Ajike Law Group in Oakland. He earned his LLB law degree from Nigerian Law School, and an LLM in Taxation from Golden Gate University.

Annual Reception
October 19, 2016
Julia Morgan
Ballroom

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Join ALRP in commemorating its 33rd year of service to people living with HIV/AIDS at our biggest event of the year.

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He was skeptical when he heard Ellie's story, but she arrived in his office with documentation of fraud, forgery and identity theft on the part of her father's girlfriend, as well as a complex probate situation and a recently appointed guardian ad litem she wasn't happy with.

"I said, 'This case is so outlandish that someone has to take it,'" remembered Endy. "The case was very, very challenging. I worked on it with her for nearly two years, to the best of my ability and with the advice of mentors who helped me. I've been with ALRP ever since. ALRP takes stress off of people who have a devastating illness and does them a great service." Endy has taken numerous cases for ALRP, including five in 2014 alone.

"What ALRP does is not just about the legal help," said Ellie. "There are lots of attorneys out there, but when you're dealing with a loved one with HIV, or you have HIV yourself, you have to be twice as careful about your own personal rights. You need lawyers who have navigated that before and understand the unique circumstances that HIV presents. ALRP connects you with people who care and who know how to navigate the exact situations you're going to encounter with this illness."

Endy eventually settled Ellie's case, but their relationship has continued. "I was born in the same year as Ellie's father," Endy said, "We became family. I saw this young girl with no one to care for her and watch out for her. She started as my client but now she's adopted me as her godfather. Twelve years later, that referral from ALRP still has a tremendous impact on my life, and on hers too. I think it shows how your life can be enriched when you help others. I'm very thankful to ALRP for letting that connection happen."

director's message

Fighting for San Francisco's Diversity

We are more than 30 years into the epidemic that impacted San Francisco so significantly, and the times have certainly changed. But with progress comes new challenges, and the needs of our clients are as great as ever. ALRP's clients are being evicted at an alarming rate and can no longer afford the city that has sustained them for years. Who would have thought that people living with HIV/AIDS would survive decades of trauma only to fight new battles to remain in their homes and communities?



Growing income inequality is at the root of many of these issues, and political leaders are attempting to address this force that is transforming our City. Having worked on efforts related to reducing homelessness for many years, I recall when we used to emphasize that many folks are just a couple of paychecks away from homelessness.



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The reality is now much dimmer. 76% of people living with HIV in the City are currently at risk of homelessness. Rather than paychecks, these folks are mere dollars away from living on the streets.

When I was in law school, roughly a hundred years ago, I remember being in awe of the talented criminal defense attorneys who were on the cutting edge of defining personal liberty and limiting the powers of the government and police. I am seeing now that it is our housing attorneys who have been thrown into ground zero in the fight to keep San Francisco diverse and accessible.

staff updates



ALRP wishes longtime Staff Attorney **Brian Brophy** all the best in his new position with the Tobener Law Firm in San Francisco, where he will continue his representation of San Francisco tenants. We look forward to Brian's continued involvement with ALRP as a Panel member.

ALRP is proud to welcome new Staff Attorney **Jeff Dulgar** to the team. Jeff, a graduate of Golden Gate University School of Law, has worked with ALRP in numerous capacities over the last few years. He has significant experience in landlord tenant law and is a great addition to our eviction defense team.



recent events

32nd Annual Reception

This year's ALRP From the Heart Annual Reception & Auction was a wonderful success and raised over \$177,000 for free legal services for people with HIV/AIDS. Over 300 guests joined us at the Julia Morgan Ballroom to recognize people who have made a lasting difference in the lives of people with HIV/AIDS. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, wine, socializing, and both live and silent auctions. The event was hosted by San Francisco Supervisor David Campos. We were proud to present the Clint Hockenberry Leadership Award to **Andrew Westley**, the Attorney of the Year Award to **Shawn Matloob**, and the Firm of the Year Award to **Perkins Coie LLP**.



L-R: Andrew Westley, Sup. David Campos, Shawn Matloob, Mara Boundy (Perkins Coie), Matt Gray (Perkins Coie)

Folsom Street Fair & Castro Street Fair

ALRP would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the 80+ volunteers who joined us during this summer's street fair season. Every year, Folsom Street Events and Castro Street Fair raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for San Francisco non-profits. Because of the awesome volunteers who support us, ALRP was fortunate enough to receive some of those donations (over \$16,000!). Nice work, team!



upcoming events



ACADEMY OF FRIENDS OSCAR GALA
Sunday, February 28
5:00pm - 11:00pm
San Francisco Design Center

Join ALRP on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at the San Francisco Design Center Galleria (101 Henry Adams Street) for Academy of Friends' 36th Annual Academy Awards Night Gala. Ticket sales benefit HIV/AIDS services in the San Francisco Bay Area - including ALRP!

Everyone at the event will enjoy food, wine, and champagne provided by the Bay Area's finest restaurants, caterers and vintners. This charitable evening is a fun way to watch the 2016 Oscars® (hosted by Chris Rock) on a huge display (and a number of smaller screens) viewable from most every angle in the Galleria. Bid on hundreds of fabulous items in AOF's silent auction. Following the awards broadcast, be ready for AOF's raffle drawings and live auction, then live entertainment and DJ dancing until the doors close! 100% of ticket sales will be distributed to AOF's six HIV/AIDS services beneficiaries (including ALRP) following the Gala.

Tickets start at \$300. To purchase tickets or for more information contact Jim McBride.

Interested in volunteering at the event? Reach out to Alex Taylor to learn more.

alrp in the community

Though our office is in San Francisco's Mission district, ALRP serves seven counties throughout the Bay Area: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, and Sonoma. In an effort to reach all people living with HIV who have legal issues, ALRP holds clinics outside of the office on a weekly basis. At these clinics, potential clients can meet our staff, learn about our services, and have a brief consultation. See below for the locations and times of these clinics.



AIDS Project of the East Bay (APEB)

1320 Webster St, Oakland CA
Every Thursday 9:30am - 4:30pm

Kaiser HIV Consultation Clinic

3801 Howe St, Oakland CA
Every 1st Tuesday 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Project Open Hand

730 Polk St, San Francisco CA
Every 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 1:30pm - 3:30pm

UCSF Positive Care Center

350 Parnassus Ave Ste 908, San Francisco CA
Every 3rd Thursday 9:30am - 12pm

We're lucky enough to have a full time staff attorney, **Brandon Lawrence**, who coordinates and grows our outreach program. Please get in touch with Brandon if you would like to learn more about our presence in the community.