



# panel notes

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## upcoming events

### REAF HOLIDAY GALA

December 4, 2017

Marines' Memorial Theatre



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

### ACADEMY OF FRIENDS OSCAR GALA

March 4, 2018

The Midway

Watch the 2018 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.



#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ALRP will need volunteers to help with this event, so please contact Volunteer Coordinator Hannah Center at [hannah@alrp.org](mailto:hannah@alrp.org) / (415) 701-1200 x303 for more info.

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## 34th annual reception and auction recap

ALRP's *From the Heart* 34th Annual Reception & Auction raised more than \$180,000 to support ALRP's free and low cost legal services and programs for people living with HIV/AIDS. The Annual Reception, ALRP's biggest fundraising event of the year, was held on Wednesday, October 18th in the Julia Morgan Ballroom at the Merchants Exchange Building in San Francisco. The event was attended by over 400 guests.

During the evening, ALRP recognized its 34 years of achievement and honored those who have made a lasting difference in the lives of people with HIV/AIDS. San Francisco Supervisor Jeff Sheehy presented the ALRP 2017 Clint Hockenberry Leadership Award to John W. Rosenzweig, Esq., the ALRP 2017 Attorney of the Year Award to Sharon M. Dulberg, Esq., and the ALRP 2017 Firm of the Year Award to Jones Day.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL  
**ALRP FROM THE HEART**  
*Reception and Auction*



ALRP 2017 Honorees

L-R: Bill Hirsh (ALRP), Sup. Jeff Sheehy, John Rosenzweig, Sharon Dulberg, and Yvette Brown and Brian McDonald (Jones Day)

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The Annual Reception's title, "From the Heart," is a tribute to the dedication of ALRP Board members, staff, and volunteer Panel Attorneys who contribute their time and energy on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS. The reception featured gourmet catered hors d'oeuvres, excellent wines donated by Vizlay Vineyards, and a silent & live auction conducted by Bizarros Gala and Event Auctions.

Special thanks go out to our event partners: Bizarros Gala & Event Auctions, Rink Foto, Skona Advertising, Springer Ayeni, and Vizlay Vineyards – and to our reception ticket purchasers, donors, auction item donors and winners, and volunteers.



ALRP Executive Director Bill Hirsh speaks at the Annual Reception

## director's message: appreciate your attorneys

As we approach Thanksgiving and welcome the rains that will finally extinguish the fires in the North Bay, everyone in the Bay Area is reminded of what is important and cherished. We remain eternally grateful to the heroic first responders who ran toward the fires rather than away. I may surprise you by sharing my thanks to our current President, for reminding us all of the critical role that attorneys play in protecting the rights of the most vulnerable among us. I am sure that many of you were cheering on the attorneys who showed up at airports around the country to challenge the travel ban. And we were heartened by our colleagues in the San Francisco City Attorney's office who challenged, so far successfully, the administration's policies around sanctuary cities.



Like many of you, I wrote a check to the ACLU immediately after the election. And while I did not curl up into a ball and sob uncontrollably (though I wanted to) I did eat as much ice cream as I could. But then I got back to work, more determined than ever to sustain and bolster an organization, 34 years strong, that addresses the legal needs of people with HIV. Every day we ensure that our clients have access to health care and safe affordable housing; and that immigrants with HIV have a fighting chance to remain in a country that can protect them from persecution based on their HIV status, sexual orientation or gender identity. We know that funding for legal services will be decimated by federal funding cuts. If we find doors closed at the federal level, then we will look to our state and local leaders and the generosity of our private donors to support the work we do.

## special thanks



This past year has been filled with distress, disbelief, and despair. But it has also been inspiring to see what a handful of attorneys have been able to do in challenging presidential orders on everything from immigration and the environment to voting and transgender rights. I could not be prouder of the collective impact of ALRP's over 700 Panel attorneys, who donate over \$1 million in legal services each year for our clients. And I know that the work of ALRP's attorneys makes a difference in the lives of people living with HIV, whether it is by saving someone's home of 20 years or securing political asylum.

If you want inspiration to continue this fight, I encourage you to think about the work of the wonderful attorneys on our Panel and on our staff. Attorneys are finally beginning to get a better reputation, and as our Panel and staff attorneys demonstrate, it is well deserved. I'm sure that many of you have heard me say over the years, that sometimes what you need most is a good attorney. This has never been truer than it is today. I am proud to say that at ALRP, our clients are going to find that good attorney, and more; they will find a champion. And ALRP will continue to be the legal community's forum for a compassionate response to the AIDS epidemic here in San Francisco, as well as a beacon against the darkness facing the rest of the country. ♥

## 2017 annual reception award honorees

### 2017 Clint Hockenberry Leadership Award

#### John Rosenzweig, Esq.

*The Clint Hockenberry Award distinguishes an individual for their long-term dedication to serving those living with HIV, and is given in memory of ALRP's first Executive Director, Clint Hockenberry, who died of AIDS in 1992.*

John Rosenzweig has been serving ALRP's clients since practically the start of the organization, and knew the namesake of this eponymous award. John recalls meeting Clint when attending an AIDS Law conference at Golden Gate University School of Law nearly 30 years ago! Since then, John has assisted several dozen ALRP clients with wills, powers of attorney, advance healthcare directives, and related documents. He also works with clients to resolve their insurance and benefits issues; he gained a passion for this work after having to fight for his own benefits. Knowing how powerful legal skills could be in these fights, John wanted to share those skills with others. ALRP was honored to award John the 2017 Client Hockenberry Leadership Award for his generous spirit and integrity.



L-R Sup. Jeff Sheehy, John Rosenzweig, and Bill Hirsh (ALRP)

special thanks cont.



### 2017 Attorney of the Year Sharon Dulberg, Esq.

ALRP honored Sharon Dulberg with its 2017 Attorney of the Year Award. Sharon has 22 years of experience as an immigration attorney, and her involvement with ALRP spans over a decade. Reading any headline written since January 20th makes it painfully obvious that immigrants need our support and defense now more than ever, especially those who, like many of us, do not have the acumen to represent themselves in immigration court. Just this past year, Sharon has accepted 20 ALRP referrals. And in the last decade, she has taken over 150 cases! Because immigration law is such a specialized field, and the law itself is so volatile, it is invaluable to ALRP to be able to send our clients to someone as reliable as Sharon.



L-R Sup. Jeff Sheehy, Sharon Dulberg, and Bill Hirsh (ALRP)

### 2017 Firm of the Year Jones Day

ALRP presented Jones Day with its 2017 Firm of the Year Award. Jones Day's pro bono practice has brought impactful change to many lives, including ALRP housing clients facing eviction. With the help of Jones Day attorneys Brian McDonald and Peter Julian, ALRP clients have access to litigation support in the form of extensive discovery, legal reserach, drafting and arguing motions, and appellate advocacy. Leveraging the resources of a big firm like Jones Day can help to tip the scales of justice for ALRP clients, who rely on stable affordable housing to preserve their health.



L-R Sup. Jeff Sheehy, Yvette Brown and Brian McDonald (Jones Day), and Bill Hirsh (ALRP)

## recent events

### Folsom Street Events

Sunshine, leather, volunteers, and fair-goers from all around the world came out in waves to the [Folsom Street Fair](#) on **Sunday, September 24, 2017** and the [Up Your Alley Street Fair](#) on **Sunday, July 30, 2017**. As a beneficiary of Folsom Street Events, ALRP supported these amazing community events by organizing 60+ volunteers to help out! Proceeds from these events go towards a number of San Francisco charities and non-profits, including ALRP. THANK YOU to everyone who donated their time and muscles to support ALRP so that we can continue to provide much needed legal support to the HIV/AIDS community.



ABOVE: ALRP Volunteers at Volunteer Check-In

FAR LEFT: L-R: Sean Downey, Hannah Center (ALRP Volunteer Coordinator), and Maureen Stutzman

LEFT: Superstar Gates Volunteers - Chelsea Turner with a Sister

### AIDS Walk

The ALRP Legal Eagles team raised **over \$27,000** at the 2017 San Francisco AIDS Walk on **Sunday, July 16, 2017**. A BIG thank you to our team supporters for helping the [AIDS Walk](#) raise more than \$1.5 million to support ALRP and dozens of other HIV/AIDS service agencies. The ALRP Legal Eagles team finished in the Top 10 again this year (#7). Special thanks go out to team co-captain Joe Gorman, to our 39 Legal Eagles team members, and to our 12 Star Walkers!



The 2017 ALRP Legal Eagles Team

## Major Donor Party

This year, ALRP honored **David J. Tsai, Esq.** and [Folsom Street Events](#) at the 2017 Major Donor Party on **Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017** at the Plant Café on the Embarcadero. The extraordinary David J. Tsai, Esq. received the 2017 James C. Hormel Philanthropist Award for his tireless dedication to ALRP and the community of people living with HIV/AIDS. Folsom Street Events, represented by Edwin Morales, Jennifer Schuster, Patrick Finger, Vicente Montoya, and Paul Hendry, received the 2017 Community Partner Award for working hand in hand with ALRP to support community services. During the party, ALRP also launched its [Heartbeat Campaign](#) aimed at raising \$100k from individual donors to support ALRP programs.



L-R: Robert Esposito, David Tsai, and Bill Hirsh



L-R: Patrick Finger, Jennifer Schuster, Edwin Morales, James Picerno, and Bill Hirsh

## Volunteer Appreciation Party

ALRP celebrated its dedicated volunteers at the 17th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party. The event was held on **April 19, 2017** at [Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP](#). Guests enjoyed wine, food (including delicious mini cupcakes), live music, and an unbeatable view. We formally recognized our volunteers who in 2016 joined the ALRP Panel, accepted 5+ referrals, presented an MCLE training, volunteered in our office or at two or more events, supported ALRP's Pro Bono Connections Initiative, and served on ALRP's Panel for 10+ years. Incredibly dedicated ALRP volunteer **Ray Dolan** was honored with the *2017 Volunteer of the Year Award*.

**RIGHT:** ALRP Volunteer Coordinator Hannah Center and Ray Dolan



## recent events (cont'd.)

### Academy of Friends

ALRP guests and volunteers attended the [37th Annual Academy of Friends SHANGHAI NIGHTS Oscar Gala](#) held on **Sunday, February 28, 2017** at the Midway Creative Complex in San Francisco. The AOF Gala benefited ALRP and five other HIV/AIDS services agencies.



L-R: Greg Curatolo, Brandon Lawrence, Hannah Center, and Jim McBride

## upcoming events

### HELP IS ON THE WAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS XVI

#### REAF HOLIDAY GALA & CONCERT

Monday, December 4, 2017

6:00pm - 10:00pm

*Marines' Memorial Theatre*

Join us at this elegant evening of fun, featuring a **silent auction**, **gala reception**, **musical performances**, and an **after party** with the show's cast.

Special guests include cast members from the Broadway touring cast of **Disney's ALADDIN**, American Idol recording star **Kimberley Locke**, America's Got Talent finalist and cabaret star **Shawn Ryan**, Jazz star **Kim Nalley**, and many more.

100% of ticket proceeds go directly to supporting ALRP's free legal services. PLEASE MENTION ALRP when ordering tickets by phone or online ([reaf-sf.org](http://reaf-sf.org)).

For more information, please e-mail Jim McBride at [jim@alrp.org](mailto:jim@alrp.org).



## upcoming events (cont'd.)



### ACADEMY OF FRIENDS OSCAR GALA

Sunday, March 4, 2018

5:00pm - 11:00pm

*The Midway*

Save the date to join ALRP on **Sunday, March 4, 2018** at The Midway (900 Marin Street) for the [Academy of Friends 38th Annual Academy Awards Night Gala](#). Ticket sales benefit HIV/AIDS services in the San Francisco Bay Area - including ALRP!

Want to volunteer at this event? Please contact Hannah Center at [hannah@alrp.org](mailto:hannah@alrp.org) or 415-701-1200 x303

## the heartbeat campaign

### Please support the ALRP Heartbeat Campaign!

The HIV/AIDS epidemic is well into its fourth decade, and more people are living with HIV than ever before. With no cure for HIV/AIDS in sight, and a new administration in Washington, D.C., people living with HIV/AIDS are facing great challenges and uncertainty. For them,

**everything can change in a heartbeat.**

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. ALRP programs such as our AIDS Housing Advocacy Project (AHAP), HIV/AIDS Insurance Protection Project (HIPPP), and Immigrant HIV Assistance Project (IHAP) provide advocacy for those who need it most.

The 2017 ALRP Heartbeat Campaign has a goal of raising \$100,000 this year. Your Campaign gift can ensure that ALRP continues to be there for all who come to our doors seeking legal support.



**Everything CAN change in a heartbeat.**

**[PLEASE DONATE NOW](#)**

## summer 2017 law clerks

ALRP was lucky to once again have the assistance of a talented team of law students this past summer. Our clerks worked conducting intakes, meeting with clients, drafting documents, and making referrals to Panel attorneys. We miss them dearly, but we hope that their experience working at ALRP inspired them to explore a future career in public interest law.

### In Summer 2017 we were joined by:

- Hayden Rodarte - Yale Law School '19
- Taylor Horn - UC Berkeley School of Law '19
- Alana Murphy - UC Davis School of Law '19
- Sammy Rosario - USF School of Law '19
- Maureen Stutzman - UC Berkeley School of Law '19
- Sean Downey - Arizona State School of Law '19



L-R: Hayden, Taylor, Alana, Sammy, Maureen, and Sean



Emily Heinzen (GGU '18)

## 2017 bob ross foundation law clerk

ALRP has been proud to add 3L law student **Emily Heinzen** (GGU '18) to our team for the past few semesters. ALRP was honored to receive a grant from the [Bob A. Ross Foundation](#) to support our Law Clerk Fellowship Program. Our talented law clerks provide essential support to the ALRP Client Services staff by serving as a point of contact for ALRP clients. Thank you for all your hard work, Emily!