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AIDS Legal Council of Chicago Honored by American Bar Association with Prestigious Award

AIDS Legal Council of Chicago ("ALCC") was among the recipients of the inaugural Alexander D. Forger Award, which recognizes outstanding attorneys and organizations around the country committed to delivering legal assistance to people with HIV. Given by the AIDS Coordinating Committee of the American Bar Association, the award is named for Alexander D. Forger, a New York attorney who provided invaluable leadership during the early years of the epidemic to ensure that people with HIV had greater access to pro bono legal help.

Ann Hilton Fisher, ALCC's Executive Director, accepted the award at a recent luncheon in Washington, D.C. "For 25 years, AIDS Legal Council of Chicago has been providing free legal help to people with HIV who could not otherwise afford quality representation. We are absolutely delighted to be the recipients of the Alexander D. Forger Award in its inaugural year and to be recognized for our work along with other distinguished peers from around the country."

Other award recipients of the Forger Award included the HIV Law Project of New York, Whitman-Walker Health Legal Services from Washington D.C., and the AIDS Legal Referral Panel in San Francisco.

Founded in 1987, ALCC works to preserve, promote, and protect the legal rights of men, women, children, and families in the metropolitan Chicago area impacted by HIV and AIDS. The Council provides free direct legal services to people in need, educates the public about HIV-related legal issues, and advocates for social policies that ensure fair treatment for all people affected by HIV and AIDS.