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AIDS Legal Council of Chicago Expands Board of Directors with Two New Additions

AIDS Legal Council of Chicago ("ALCC") is pleased to announce the addition of two new members to its Board of Directors, Benjamin Rosemergy and Stuart Graff. Mr. Rosemergy is a partner in Sidley Austin LLP's Chicago office and a member of the Employee Benefits Group. Mr. Graff is also an attorney and Division Vice President—Guardsman at Valspar. Both Mr. Rosemergy and Mr. Graff bring highlevel legal expertise and extensive community involvement to the Council's Board.

"Both new Board members have a deep commitment to our work and a long history of support. Fifteen years ago, Mr. Graff led a team of pro bono lawyers at Schiff Hardin and Waite in a federal court challenge to lifetime limits for HIVrelated care in private health insurance policies. Almost ten years ago, Mr. Rosemergy spent the summer after law school graduation working at ALCC as a PILI Fellow and has continued to provide pro bono assistance on individual cases. We are delighted that both have stepped forward to help lead ALCC as the organization grows to meet the ever-changing challenges of the HIV epidemic," said Ann Hilton Fisher, Executive Director of ALCC.

Founded 25 years ago, AIDS Legal Council of Chicago 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.