

## Volunteer/Contribution Form

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**City/State/ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to volunteer with AIDSLaw. Please send a volunteer application form.

Yes, I want to support the work of AIDSLaw of Louisiana. My contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**This contribution is in memory of:**

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**Please send an acknowledgment to:**

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Your contribution to AIDSLaw, a 501 (c)(3) organization, is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

## What You Can Do . . .

**Call for assistance** if you think that you have been discriminated against or treated unfairly, or if you need to know your rights. All calls are treated confidentially. There are no fees for our services.

**Volunteer** as a cooperating attorney with AIDSLaw. Without the assistance of dozens of attorneys statewide, services for many of our clients would not be possible. Please fill out the volunteer/contribution form.

**Contribute** to AIDSLaw. Because no fees are charged for our services, AIDSLaw depends on the generosity of contributors to continue its work.



**For information, call or write to:**


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A non-profit, public interest  
organization providing legal  
services and referrals  
without charge to people  
living with HIV/AIDS





**AIDSLaw of Louisiana believes that people affected by AIDS/HIV disease have the right to legal services that are appropriate and responsive to their individual needs and those of their loved ones.**

**AIDSLaw is committed to enhancing the control people affected by AIDS/HIV disease have over their lives and to improving their access to legal services and the legal system.**

## What is AIDSLaw?

AIDSLaw of Louisiana, Inc., is a Louisiana not-for-profit corporation formed in 1989 by a small group of New Orleans attorneys and legal professionals who recognized that their individual efforts were not sufficient to meet the legal needs of the rapidly growing number of indigent clients with HIV infection and AIDS.

Many AIDS service organizations across Louisiana help people with HIV/AIDS, but AIDSLaw is the only one exclusively dedicated to the legal needs of this population.

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE.

## What We Provide . . .

### Client Services

The important connection between legal services and medical care for people living with HIV and AIDS can be overlooked. The United States is the only major industrialized country without some form of universal access to healthcare. People with HIV/AIDS have one major thing in common — they need health care. Medical advances make access to healthcare more critical than ever for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS. Simply put, as HIV/AIDS becomes more of a chronic but manageable disease, people die without health care, while they have a good chance of surviving if they get it. As the progression of the AIDS pandemic has changed, AIDSLaw's services have changed from a focus on estate planning for the terminally ill, to planning multifaceted efforts for the terminally ill to ensure access to health care for clients in order to prolong their lives.

AIDSLaw provides the following services to eligible clients: estate planning; discrimination in housing, education and employment based on HIV/AIDS status; notarial services; assistance with debtor problems; public benefits; insurance and employee benefits; and privacy issues.

### Outreach

AIDSLaw and a statewide network of cooperating attorneys provide free legal services to clients who meet certain eligibility requirements. Staff and volunteer attorneys also provide educational presentations addressing the legal needs of people with HIV disease, and offer trainings for attorneys, law students and paralegals, social workers, health care workers, other AIDS service providers, and the general public.

### Educational Services

As the only AIDS service organization in Louisiana that provides legal services, AIDSLaw has the unique responsibility of educating clients and providers about legal issues. To increase public awareness about AIDSLaw's services and their relation to the continuum of care, AIDSLaw attorneys and staff give presentations in many environments to educate the public about the agency's services, as well as the ways in which they relate to primary health care.

AIDSLaw's many publications, which are provided free of charge, are available at all regional AIDS service organizations, and are also available online at AIDSLaw's website, [www.aidslaw.org](http://www.aidslaw.org).

### Publications include

***Making Your Will***, a discussion of last wills and testaments and related planning documents;

***Advance Medical Directives***, which discusses health care options;

***If You Have Children***, which discusses arrangements for the care and custody of minor children in the event of a parent's disability or death;

***Before You Tell***, a pre-and post-test guide stressing the confidential nature of HIV testing results and the implications of disclosure;

***HIV and Criminal Liability***, which discusses the Louisiana law on exposing others to HIV;

*Living with HIV Disease: A Legal Guide for Louisiana*, an overview of legal issues;

*HIV and Substance Abuse*, which discusses special legal issues confronting people who use substances

(**Bold** publications are also available in Spanish.)

### To be eligible for free services, a client must:

- ✓ Be a Louisiana resident
- ✓ Have an HIV-related legal problem
- ✓ Meet income guidelines

Clients who do not qualify for free services are referred to an AIDSLaw cooperating attorney for consultation.

