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Guess & Rudd Law Firm Challenge Met

Fundraising Challenge Gives \$110,000 Boost to Alaska Legal Services Corporation

The fundraising challenge issued by the Anchorage and Fairbanks law firm of Guess & Rudd P.C. to members of Alaska's legal community came to a successful conclusion on January 31, 2006. Guess & Rudd P.C. had pledged to donate \$10,000 to Alaska Legal Services Corporation's Robert Hickerson Partners in Justice campaign if eight other Alaska law firms or members of the legal community made a matching \$10,000 donation.

Ten challenge matches were donated or pledged, resulting in a total of over \$110,000 earmarked for ALSC's annual fundraising campaign. ALSC Executive Director Andy Harrington stated "The Guess & Rudd challenge re-energized our annual fundraising campaign through friendly competition among members of the legal community – and overwhelming generosity on the part of the donors – at a time when we most needed a financial boost. We are grateful beyond words to Guess & Rudd, and to all of the donors, for their commitment to the provision of legal assistance to Alaskans in need."

Donors at the \$10,000 level include: David and Pamela Marquez; members of Dillon & Findley; members of the Tanana Valley Bar; the law firm of Friedman, Rubin & White with Christine Schleuss; members of the Juneau Bar Association; the law firm of Heller Ehrman with Jim Torgerson and Morgan Christen; and staff of Alaska Legal Services Corporation. Donors at the \$5,000 to \$10,000 level include the law firms of Feldman & Orlansky, Patton Boggs, and members of Dorsey & Whitney. Contributions from an additional ten major donors helped to meet and exceed the challenge goal.

ALSC's annual fundraising campaign provides operating revenue for services on behalf of low-income Alaskans who seek civil legal assistance. Donors who wish to contribute to the campaign, which ends June 30, can make an online donation at www.partnersinjustice.org or request a donation form from Director of Volunteer Services and Community Support Erick Cordero at 907-222-4521.

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