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ALSC Alumni Gathered for Pre-Anniversary Celebration; Director Gets Recognition.

Anchorage, Alaska - May 18, 2006 - Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) alumni and friends gathered on April 26 for an early celebration of ALSC's 40 years of service. The official anniversary and celebration date will be on September 15, 2006. The agency plans to host a commemorative event in Anchorage in conjunction with the kickoff of its Robert Hickerson Partners in Justice Campaign during that month.

The pre-anniversary gathering was held in conjunction with the Alaska Bar Association convention, at the Law Offices of Vanessa White. Former and current board members, staff, volunteers, several members of the Alaska Court System, the Alaska Bar Association and the Municipality of Anchorage attended the event.

During the celebration, Andy Harrington, ALSC's Executive Director, was presented with an Award of Merit by Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich in appreciation and recognition of 25 years of outstanding work in public service and tireless advocacy in the pursuit of equal access to justice for all Alaskans.

Harrington said "It's the efforts of ALSC's staffers, board members, and pro bono attorneys over the years that merit recognition. Anchorage has always been home to ALSC's largest office, and the community should be proud that so many of its attorneys and other citizens have made such outstanding contributions towards equal justice for all."

Andy Harrington has been the Executive Director of Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) since 2002. He has a law degree from Harvard Law School and joined ALSC in 1982. He has taken two sabbaticals during his tenure with ALSC to pursue his interests in physics. His work at ALSC has concentrated in the fields of domestic relations, elder law, public benefits, health care coverage, consumer law, Alaska Native issues, and community legal education. He taught for several years in the University of Alaska Fairbanks paralegal studies program, and has made several Continuing Legal Education presentations on various topics.

Alaska Legal Services Corporation is a non-profit organization established in 1966 and the largest statewide provider of free legal services in Alaska.

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