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### **More Palmer Free Legal Clinics Underway**

Anchorage, AK, June 10, 2004 - The Volunteer Attorney Support (VAS) pro bono program of Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) has enhanced its partnership with local Palmer attorneys and the Palmer Alaska Family Resource Center to offer additional free legal clinics.

For years, ALSC staff attorneys and pro bono attorneys have offered Family Law clinics in Palmer and Wasilla. In an effort to expand services and meet the growing legal needs of the MatSu community, Erick Cordero, the program's coordinator, has enlisted the assistance of more private attorneys in Palmer. Attorneys Ann M. Richardson, sole practitioner and Eric D. Conard from Kenneth Goldman's law office have generously volunteered to teach and expand the self-help clinics aimed for low-income and modest means persons.

ALSC and VAS are currently offering self-help workshops on Divorce, Custody and Chapter 7 Bankruptcy. Plans are underway to add clinics on landlord/tenant issues, filing answers to complaints, and custody modification. The Alaska Family Resource Center has generously offered to host the clinics at its Palmer location. The center provides a vast array of services to families in the MatSu Valley, including a safe shelter, transitional living, crisis intervention, group counseling, information and referrals, as well as education and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Alaska Legal Services Corporation is a non-profit organization established in 1966 and the largest statewide provider of free legal services in Alaska. The Volunteer Attorney Support pro bono program has been assisting low-income Alaskans for over two decades through the generosity of members of the Alaska Bar Association.

"Partnerships like these, with community agencies and the private bar, are absolutely essential to ALSC's mission of equal access to justice," says ALSC's Executive Director Andy Harrington. "We're very grateful to the Family Resource Center and to Ann and Eric for their willingness to help make 'justice for all' into a reality."

To learn more about the legal clinics offered in Palmer and throughout Alaska, please visit ALSC's website at [www.alsc-law.org](http://www.alsc-law.org), or contact Erick Cordero at (907) 272-9431 and the Alaska Family Resource Center in Palmer at (907) 746-4080.

For additional legal resources, please visit [www.AlaskaLawHelp.org](http://www.AlaskaLawHelp.org).



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