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**AlaskaLawHelp.org Launched by Alaska Legal Services Corporation and
Justice Community Partners**

Free online legal resource web site now available to the public

FAIRBANKS — Alaska Legal Services Corporation and a consortium of justice community partners announce the launch of www.AlaskaLawHelp.org, a free online legal resource web site for Alaskans.

AlaskaLawHelp.org provides information on how the legal system works, consumer issues, disability law, domestic violence, employment, family law, health law, housing, public benefits, seniors' issues, and wills. The site features self-help and legal education materials, downloadable forms and publications, a directory of legal and social services providers, and links to government web sites. The site also provides self-paced instructional slide shows on child support, filing motions, special education, and eligibility for help through Alaska Legal Services Corporation.

Members of Alaska's legal community have developed this statewide web site to include information particularly useful to the approximately 80,000 modest-means Alaskans who often need legal assistance in the areas of housing, income maintenance, family law, and protection from abuse, but cannot afford an attorney.

ALSC's Executive Director Andy Harrington notes, "ALSC and our partners have known for some time that low-income Alaskans' need for civil representation is

outstripping our ability to supply attorneys, and thus more and more people are representing themselves in court. We're excited at this opportunity to use Internet technology to give people the tools they need in order to do so effectively. It's very much in line with ALSC's mission and carrying that mission into the future."

AlaskaLawHelp.org was built through the collaborative efforts of the Alaska Bar Association, the Alaska Court System, Alaska Legal Services Corporation, the Alaska Native Justice Center, the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Alaska Pro Bono Program, Catholic Social Services Immigration and Refugee Services Program, the Disability Law Center of Alaska, and other social services and advocacy organizations throughout the state.

AlaskaLawHelp.org is part of a national effort to utilize technology to provide free civil legal information to low and modest-means populations. The technology for the web site was made possible through a Technology Initiative Grant from the Legal Services Corporation, and was developed by Probono.net.