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LeGaL & Bronx Community Pride Center Launch Housing Clinic

Project Aims to Provide Monthly Assistance to Bronx LGBTQ Community

March 24, 2011 – The LGBT Law Association Foundation of Greater New York (LeGaL Foundation) and the Bronx Community Pride Center (BCPC) are pleased to announce the launch of a new monthly clinic aimed at assisting the LGBTQ community in the Bronx with issues related to housing.

The monthly clinic, which will be staffed by volunteer attorneys, will seek to provide general information, referrals and guidance to members of the Bronx LGBTQ community who may face pressing needs in the areas of housing law, including potential evictions, holdover proceedings, and questions relating to public housing and related benefits. In many instances, there are unique legal issues and challenges for members of the LGBTQ community involved in such matters.

“We know members of the LGBTQ community in the Bronx frequently face the threat of eviction or other challenges relating to housing,” said Brad Snyder, LeGaL’s Executive Director. “We hope this clinic will be a safe place where community members can come for vital information and assistance.”

The first clinic will be held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at the Bronx Community Pride Center from 6:00-8:00p.m. on the third floor. Visitors interested in attending the clinic should arrive at the BCPC between 6:00-6:30p.m. to register for the clinic.

“The Bronx Community Pride Center is thrilled to be hosting this clinic for the Bronx LGBTQ community,” said Dirk McCall, BCPC’s Executive Director, “The only way we can empower our communities is by providing them access to information needed to preserve their legal rights.”

Attorneys interested in volunteering at the clinic should contact LeGaL at info@le-gal.org for more information.

About LeGaL & the Bronx Community Pride Center

LeGaL was one of the nation’s first bar associations of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) legal community and remains one of the largest and most active organizations of its kind in the country. Serving the New York metropolitan area, LeGaL is

dedicated to promoting the expertise and advancement of LGBT legal professionals while serving the larger community. Through the LeGaL Foundation, the organization publishes *Lesbian/Gay Law Notes*, the most comprehensive monthly publication summarizing legal and political developments affecting the LGBT community here and abroad, conducts a weekly walk-in pro bono clinic at Manhattan's LGBT Community Center serving hundreds of members of the community each year, and sponsors the Dr. M.L. "Hank" Henry, Jr. Fund for Judicial Internships to promote LGBT representation in the judiciary and, among its many other activities, runs the area's only career fair dedicated to first-year LGBT law students. For more information on LeGaL, visit <http://www.le-gal.org>.

The **Bronx Community Pride Center (BCPC)** is committed to organizing, serving and empowering members of the LGBT communities to enjoy and realize their full potential and receive the support and services they need to thrive. BCPC provides critical, direct social services, cultural sensitivity trainings, community education and a home for all LGBTQ-identified individuals, including youth and seniors, to promote the health, education, emotional growth and well-being of the Bronx and northern Manhattan LGBTQ communities. For more information on BCPC, please visit <http://www.bronxpride.org>.