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HALCO Membership/Renewal Application

The primary goal of the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic (Ontario) is to provide legal services to persons living with HIV/AIDS in Ontario that are relevant to their well-being and that enable them to participate fully in the communities in which they live. To assist us in fulfilling our goal, we need the participation of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Please offer your support by becoming a member of HALCO - the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic (Ontario). As a member of HALCO, you will be invited to join us at our Annual General Meeting, where you can participate in the business that helps to guide the clinic, including the election of our Board of Directors. *Membership takes effect when it is approved by the Board of Directors. Only members in good standing who have been members for at least 30 days before the meeting may vote at a membership meeting.*

There is no fee for HALCO membership and membership is renewed annually. To become a member, you must be a resident of Ontario who is 16 years of age or older and you must agree with our **Statement of Principles** [on the other side of this application]. Please complete this form and return it to our office. We regret that our budget cannot provide for return postage.

Your membership information will be used to inform you of our Annual General Meeting and to give you the opportunity to renew your membership annually. You can also choose to receive other HALCO information, including our Newsletter, by checking the box below. We do not share our membership list.

Declaration of my wish to become a HALCO member or to renew my HALCO membership:

I agree with the Statement of Principles of the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic (Ontario) "HALCO", I am a resident of Ontario, I am 16 years of age or older, and I would like to be a member of HALCO.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____
 (please print)

Address: _____

Unit/Apartment: _____ City/Town: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

May we leave phone messages? Yes _____ No _____ E-mail Address: _____

Please tell us how you found out about HALCO: _____

Would you like to be on our mailing list to receive our newsletter, etc.? No _____ Yes _____

May we send newsletters, etc., to you by E-Mail? No _____ Yes _____

Thank you for applying to be a member of HALCO!

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Statement of Principles of the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic (Ontario)

Adopted January 30, 2006, by the Board of Directors
of the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario.

It is agreed that:

1. People living with HIV and AIDS are confronted with unique legal problems of enormous proportions and complexity;
2. Those best equipped to make choices regarding HIV and AIDS issues and problems, are those individuals who are HIV positive themselves;
3. People living with HIV and AIDS must have control over their own lives.
4. The HIV and AIDS affected communities are very diverse and are confronted by overwhelming challenges derived from both their diversity and from their common experience as people living with HIV and AIDS.
5. It is necessary to create and foster a climate of understanding and mutual respect for the dignity and worth of people living with HIV and AIDS; and
6. The confidentiality, bodily security, autonomy and privacy of people living with AIDS and HIV must be respected, which includes but is not limited to:
 - a) the right of individuals to exercise control over their own medical treatment;
 - b) the right of individuals to exercise control over decisions concerning their own socio-economic position;
 - c) the right of all persons living with HIV or AIDS to be fully informed of all process and procedures in which their interests are in any way involved; and
 - d) the right of all persons living with HIV or AIDS to consent, or withhold their consent, in all matters affecting them.