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American Indian Law Center, Inc. Launches Customer Focused Website

AILC has launched its new site with vastly improved customer interface.

ALBUQUERQUE, August 6, 2008 – The American Indian Law Center, Inc. (AILC), the nation's oldest existing Indian-managed and Indian-operated legal and public policy organization in the country, is pleased to announce the launching of the new and improved, customer-focused, AILC website. The site, <http://www.aile-inc.org>, is designed to provide information on the numerous services and programs that the AILC makes available for tribal governments and tribal leadership, tribal judges, and incoming Indian law students attending law schools throughout the country.

AILC Director, Helen Padilla, said of the new AILC website, "AILC has always taken seriously the need to address tribal law and policy needs as they relate to tribal courts and the training of Indian legal professionals and students. Over the last year AILC has conducted a series of informal meetings with tribal governments and leaders, and in March AILC held a first-ever tribal leadership conference created for newly elected and appointed tribal leaders. The results of these activities have influenced the development of the new AILC website design and content. I'm very happy that the AILC website is more focused and user friendly. AILC is looking forward to adding new programs and strengthening our connections with tribal governments."

AILC has created new links providing timely, relevant news and information regarding AILC's services and programs available such as the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals (SWITCA), Pre-Summer Law Institute (PLSI) and policy and legal analysis. SWITCA provides an appellate court forum for tribes located in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, and west Texas and provides training, technical assistance and support services to tribal courts. The PLSI is a premiere preparatory Native American legal education program aimed at preparing Indian students to succeed in law school. Also online is a link to the PLSI database for alumni to stay connected. "We have completely redesigned our website and invite everyone to visit and take a look," said Padilla.

About AILC

Established in 1967, AILC serves to strengthen, promote, and honor self-sustaining American Indian and Alaska Native communities through education, training, and leadership.

AILC's mission is to provide training and technical assistance to tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal courts; legal and policy analysis on various issues important to tribal governments; and preparatory legal education to individuals. AILC is a non-profit 501(c) 3 corporation. To see what AILC has to offer visit <http://www.aile-inc.org>.

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