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## CT AIDS Resource Groups Merge with the Help of Day Pitney

Day Pitney LLP attorney Lane Watson provided pro bono representation to AIDS Project Hartford (APH) in its recent merger with Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition (CARC) to become AIDS Connecticut (ACT). The two nonprofit groups both provided services to people living with HIV/AIDS, and the merger will help to integrate and enhance the collective services ACT can provide to continue the legacies of APH and CARC and make an even greater impact on the community.

Watson, who is a member of Day Pitney's Corporate Group, regularly represents companies in mergers and acquisitions. He was tapped by the Pro Bono Partnership to handle the matter along with Anita Stone of the Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation. "It was the first time I'd ever been involved in a pro bono matter of this kind. It was absolutely worth it, and I would do it again," Watson said.

"Lane did a tremendous job on this project. He put in an enormous amount of time and effort and was consistently responsive and thoughtful about his client's interests. We are very lucky to have many wonderful volunteers at Pro Bono Partnership, but Lane's work on this matter has distinguished him as one of our best," said Pro Bono Partnership Senior Staff Attorney Courtney Darts.

Day Pitney partner Helen Harris, chair of the firm's <u>Pro Bono Committee</u>, said Watson's pro bono work is representative of Day Pitney's tradition of and commitment to public service. "Our lawyers have long served individuals and nonprofit organizations in our communities, and Lane's contributions really exemplify that tradition," Harris said.

The merger was announced January 1, 2013. Lawyers from Bingham McCutchen's Hartford office also worked on the merger, representing CARC in the matter.

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