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### **ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA TO BE PRESENTED PRESTIGIOUS STALWART AWARD FROM LAW AND POLICY GROUP**

Chicago, Illinois – September 19, 2008 - In recognition of its strong tradition of providing service to communities worldwide, Alpha Kappa Alpha will be presented the prestigious Stalwart Award from the Law and Policy Group, Inc. The award will be presented during a champagne reception that will be held on November 6 at the Schomburg in New York City. The organization's international president, Barbara A. McKinzie, will accept on behalf of the Sorority's 225,000 members in 975 chapters worldwide.

In making the announcement, Gloria J. Browne-Marshall, JD/MA and the Law and Policy Group's Founder/Executive Director, said Alpha Kappa Alpha's 100-year legacy of making a positive impact in the world communities makes it an "ideal candidate" for the award. Browne-Marshall said AKA's particular commitment to improving the lives of women and girls through educational services, healthcare initiatives and through mentoring were key reasons the organization was selected to receive the award. The founder/executive director added that Alpha Kappa Alpha's public policy and its championing of issues and programs that improve the quality of life for underserved communities also factored in the decision.

"The Stalwart Award is the Law and Policy Group's most prestigious award because it pays homage to those organizations that, like stalwarts, are standing strong for the community," said Browne-Marshall. "Alpha Kappa Alpha has dedicated itself to uplifting those who need a helping hand through its resolve to provide service to all mankind. In recognition of its effectiveness in carrying out its mission, I am honored to present the Stalwart Award to Alpha Kappa Alpha and its international president, Barbara A. McKinzie."

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