



2013

FREEDOM REPORT

Justice



"JUSTICE, JUSTICE, YOU SHALL PURSUE..."
— DEUTERONOMY 16:20

{ Freedom and Liberty are God-Given Rights }

Jay Sekulow

A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF COUNSEL JAY ALAN SEKULOW

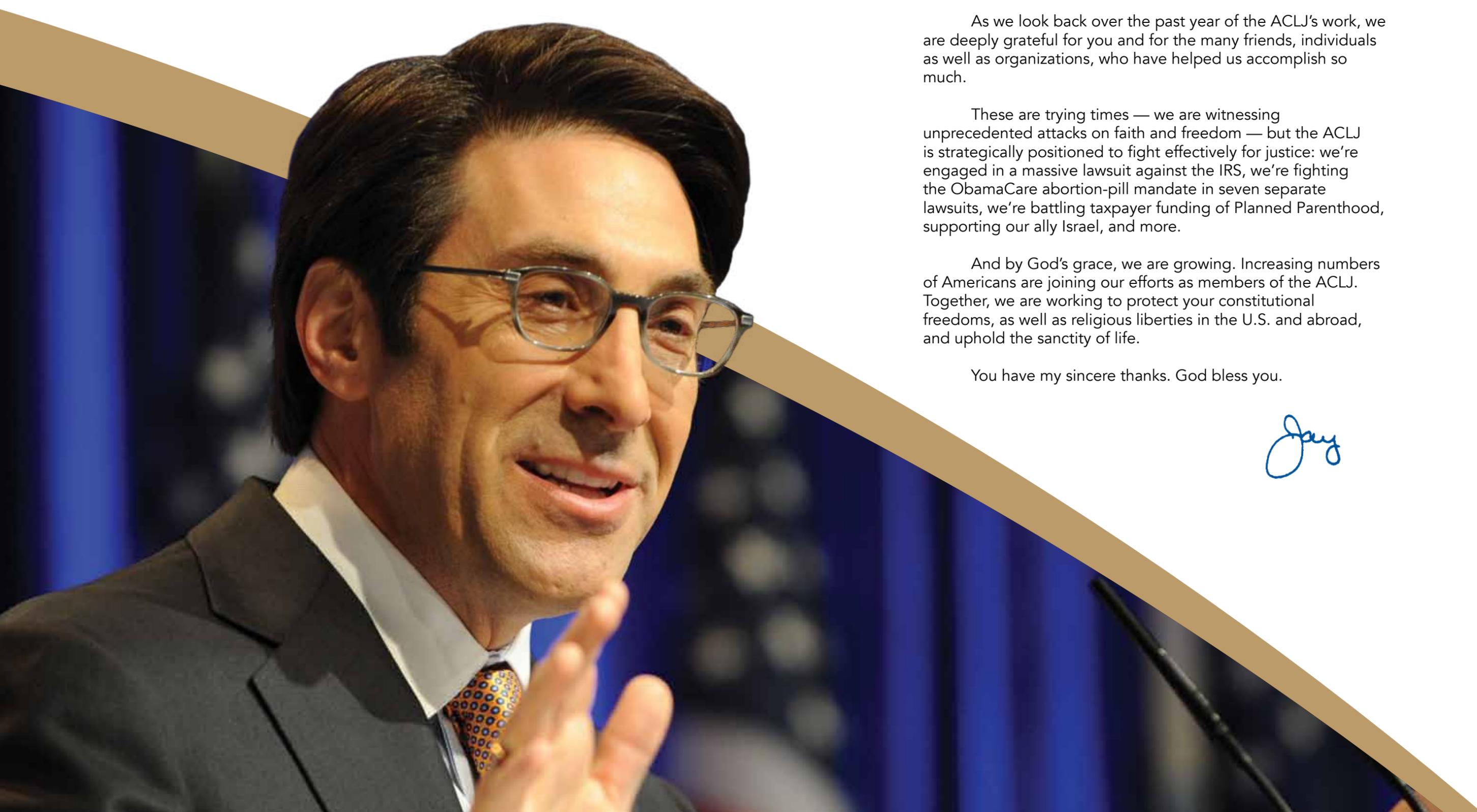
Dear Friend & Fellow Member of the ACLJ,

As we look back over the past year of the ACLJ's work, we are deeply grateful for you and for the many friends, individuals as well as organizations, who have helped us accomplish so much.

These are trying times — we are witnessing unprecedented attacks on faith and freedom — but the ACLJ is strategically positioned to fight effectively for justice: we're engaged in a massive lawsuit against the IRS, we're fighting the ObamaCare abortion-pill mandate in seven separate lawsuits, we're battling taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood, supporting our ally Israel, and more.

And by God's grace, we are growing. Increasing numbers of Americans are joining our efforts as members of the ACLJ. Together, we are working to protect your constitutional freedoms, as well as religious liberties in the U.S. and abroad, and uphold the sanctity of life.

You have my sincere thanks. God bless you.



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An oppressive mandate

ObamaCare wrongly forces Christian business owners to pay for abortion-inducing drugs in violation of their religious beliefs. The ACLJ, representing pro-life business owners, has filed seven lawsuits against the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. We have won injunctions for all seven of our clients; they are not required to comply with the law while their cases move forward. We'll argue (all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States if necessary) that the government has no right to force someone to pay for something that violates their conscience.

Pastor set free

Sentenced to death by hanging for his Christian beliefs, and imprisoned for nearly three years, Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani was finally released by Iranian officials. A combination of economic pressure and media advocacy led to Pastor Youcef's release. More than three million people received daily updates via Twitter from the ACLJ for nearly a year, keeping this important case in the international spotlight. ACLJ Executive Director Jordan Sekulow worked with officials in Brazil (which has economic and diplomatic relations

with Iran) to increase pressure for Youcef's release. The ACLJ continues working to protect Christians persecuted for their faith.

Protecting Israeli soldiers

The ACLJ filed thousands of pages of briefs, and Chief Counsel Jay Alan Sekulow presented oral arguments before the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in support of Israel and its soldiers — arguing that the Palestinian Authority (P.A.) lacked standing to bring a case against Israel because the P.A. is not a state. This was a critically important case because Israeli and U.S. sovereignty



were at stake. The ICC agreed with the ACLJ, completely dismissing the case. We'll continue using our global resources in Israel, Europe, and at the United Nations (U.N.) to protect Israel against baseless, yet increasingly hostile, attacks, and against the prospect of full statehood for the P.A.

Public displays of faith

War memorial cross. In a decade-long legal struggle with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) over



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a historic war memorial cross at Sunrise Rock in the Mojave Desert, justice prevailed. The cross has been returned to its rightful home and rededicated. The ACLJ represented members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus before the Supreme Court of the United States in an amicus brief defending the cross. This symbol of sacrifice once again honors our military veterans who fought valiantly defending our freedom in World War I.

9/11 cross. Two intersecting steel beams held up when the Twin Towers collapsed on 9/11, forming a cross. The structure was displayed by the memorial museum at the site, but atheists sued to have it removed, claiming “government enshrinement of the cross” as an impermissible mingling of church and state. The ACLJ went to court, filing a crucial amicus brief in support of the cross, calling out the atheists’



argument as absurd and arguing that the cross is an “important and essential artifact” comprising “a key component of the retelling of the story of 9/11.” A federal judge ruled in our favor. We’ll respond if, as the atheists promise, they appeal the ruling.

Jesus statue. The Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) claimed that a historically significant statue of Jesus maintained by a private organization on federal land violated the Establishment Clause because it offended three of their members. The ACLJ filed an amicus brief on behalf of 18 Members of Congress and nearly 100,000 Americans defending the statue. A federal court ruled in our favor. The “Big Mountain Jesus” statue,



Pro-life pharmacists vindicated

After seven long years, the ACLJ finally won legal protection for pro-life pharmacists in Illinois who refuse to sell “morning after” pills and other drugs

that interfere with the development of human life at its earliest stages. The Illinois Court of Appeals upheld a trial court’s injunction, ruling that the Illinois Health Care Right of Conscience Act “protects plaintiffs’ decisions not to dispense emergency contraceptives due to their conscience beliefs.” We served as co-counsel for three pharmacy owners fighting the Illinois state mandate to sell the “morning after” pill. This was a great victory for the right of conscience.



BATTLING FOR *Justice*

IRS abuses

The ACLJ began exposing IRS abuses nearly two years ago, long before it became a major issue in the media. Today, we have mounted a massive federal lawsuit, our largest ever, seeking justice for pro-life, pro-Israel, and other conservative groups targeted by the IRS for their views and denied tax-exempt status. Meanwhile, the IRS scandal is growing. It is clear that the IRS has violated citizens' constitutional rights of free speech and association, exceeding its authority and outrageously abusing its power. Our claims of an agency out of control are more and more clearly confirmed; our lawsuit will bring justice to those targeted by the IRS and hold accountable those responsible for the abuse.

Abortion-pill mandate

ObamaCare requires that abortion-pill insurance coverage be provided by businesses regardless of the religious beliefs of the business owners. The ACLJ has filed seven direct lawsuits against the federal government arguing against the constitutionality of the ObamaCare mandate as an egregious violation of citizens' First Amendment religious liberties. We've also filed amicus briefs in 16 other cases challenging the mandate. We'll continue to wage this battle all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States if needed.

Supporting Israel

The ACLJ has stood with Israel for 20 years, and



Becky Gerritson, president of Wetumpka Tea Party (an ACLJ client) in Alabama, testifying at a Congressional hearing

A close-up, high-angle photograph of a baby's face, showing the eyes, nose, and mouth. The baby has light-colored eyes and is looking upwards. The image is partially obscured by a dark, curved shape on the left side.

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A faded, background image of the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, showing the golden dome and surrounding architecture.

we continue to do so. President Obama is arming Israel's enemies, supplying weapons and worse to its hostile next-door neighbor, Egypt. He's also supporting the Palestinian Authority, whose government partner Hamas is sworn to destroy the Jewish people. Meanwhile, the President calls for Jerusalem to be divided, for Israel's land to be handed over to terrorists, and for Israel's borders to be so shriveled as to be literally indefensible, only nine miles wide at one point. The ACLJ is fighting back on all these fronts.

Fighting Planned Parenthood

We have mounted a massive lawsuit against Planned Parenthood, America's biggest abortion provider, for alleged massive fraudulent overbilling of the government. This abortion giant has now effectively endorsed infanticide in cases of babies surviving botched abortions. A victory in our lawsuit could cripple Planned Parenthood. Meanwhile, our Government Affairs team is working with Congress to end huge annual taxpayer subsidies of Planned Parenthood, defending state laws cutting funds for abortion, and more.

IMPACT FOR *Justice*

Bick Holdings, Inc., et al. v. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, et al., St. Louis, Missouri

O'Brien Industrial Holdings, et al. v. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, et al., St. Louis, Missouri

THE HONOLULU TEA PARTY
Honolulu, HI

HAWAII TEA PARTY,
D/B/A TEA PARTY MAUI
Kahului, HI

OREGON CAPITOL WATCH FOUNDATION
Canby, OR

TRI-CITIES TEA PARTY
Kennewick, WA

Pastor Saeed,
Boise, ID

PATRIOTS EDUCATING CONCERNED AMERICANS NOW
Redding, CA

Gonzalez v. Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles

PROTECTING AMERICAN VALUES, INC.
Van Nuys, CA

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY PATRIOTS, INC.
Encino, CA

AMEN
Yuma, AZ

GREATER PHOENIX TEA PARTY
Chandler, AZ

ALBUQUERQUE TEA PARTY, INC.
Albuquerque, NM

COLORADO 9-12 PROJECT
Denver, CO

OKC PIA ASSOCIATION
Newalla, OK

ARLINGTON PART
Arlington, VA

Thanks to your support,
the ACLJ's impact is nationwide. We're representing 41 groups in our lawsuit against the IRS and pursuing numerous additional court cases across the country as well.

STOP IRS ABUSES



DEFUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Gonzalez v. Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles

PROTECTING THE UNBORN

Evergreen Association, et al. v. City of New York

CHALLENGING THE OBAMACARE MANDATE

- *O'Brien Industrial Holdings, et al. v. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, et al., St. Louis, Missouri*
- *Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, et al. v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, et al., Highland, Illinois*
- *American Pulverizer, et al. v. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, et al., Springfield, St. Louis, and O'Fallon, Missouri*
- *Fresh Unlimited, Inc., et al. v. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, et al.,*

- *Sidney, Ohio*
- *Hart Electric, et al. v. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, et al., Lostant, Illinois*
- *Lindsay, Rappaport & Postel, LLC, et al. v. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, et al., Chicago and Waukegan, Illinois*
- *Bick Holdings, Inc., et al. v. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, et al., St. Louis, Missouri*

FIGHTING PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS

Pastor Saeed, Boise, ID

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

ACLJ WASHINGTON, D.C., OFFICE

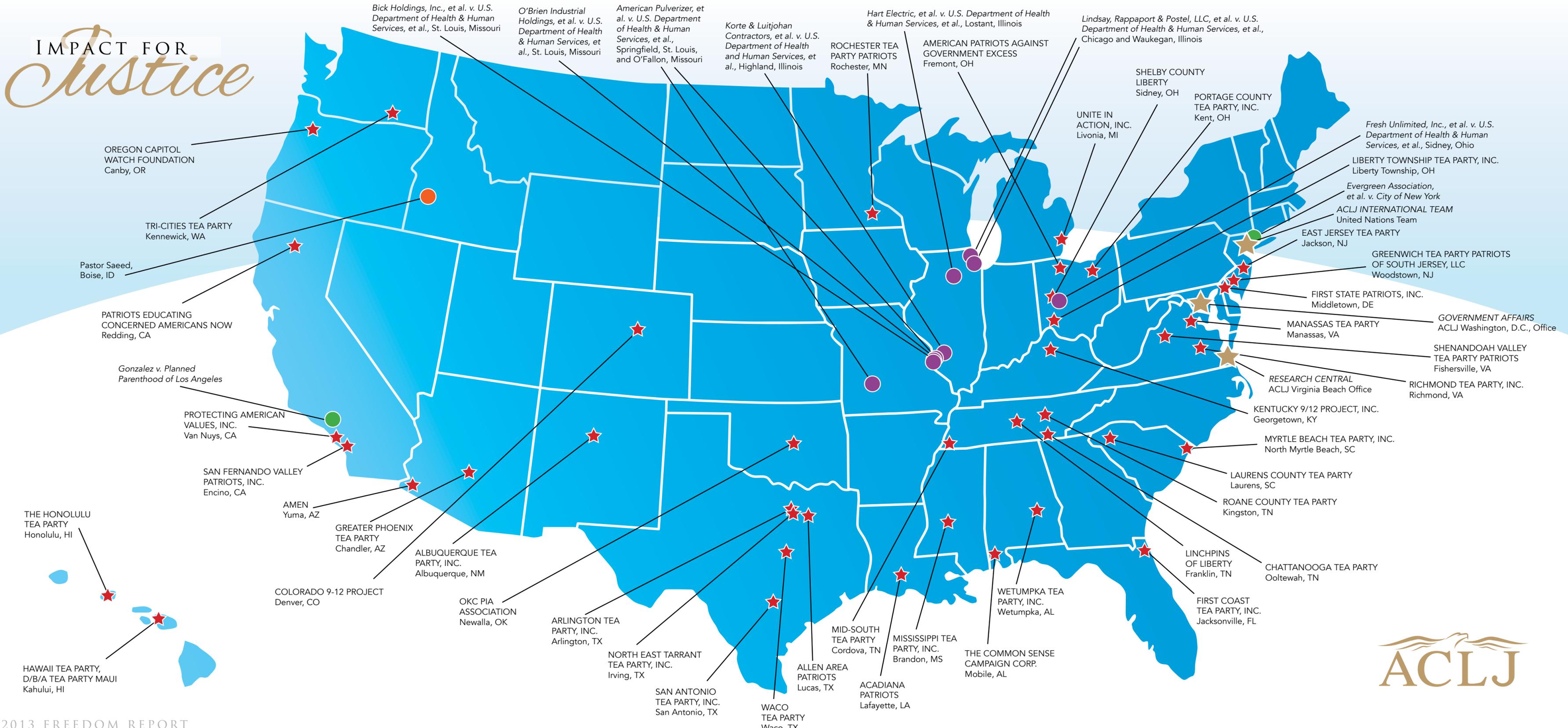
RESEARCH CENTRAL

ACLJ VIRGINIA BEACH OFFICE

ACLJ INTERNATIONAL TEAM

UNITED NATIONS TEAM

IMPACT FOR *Justice*

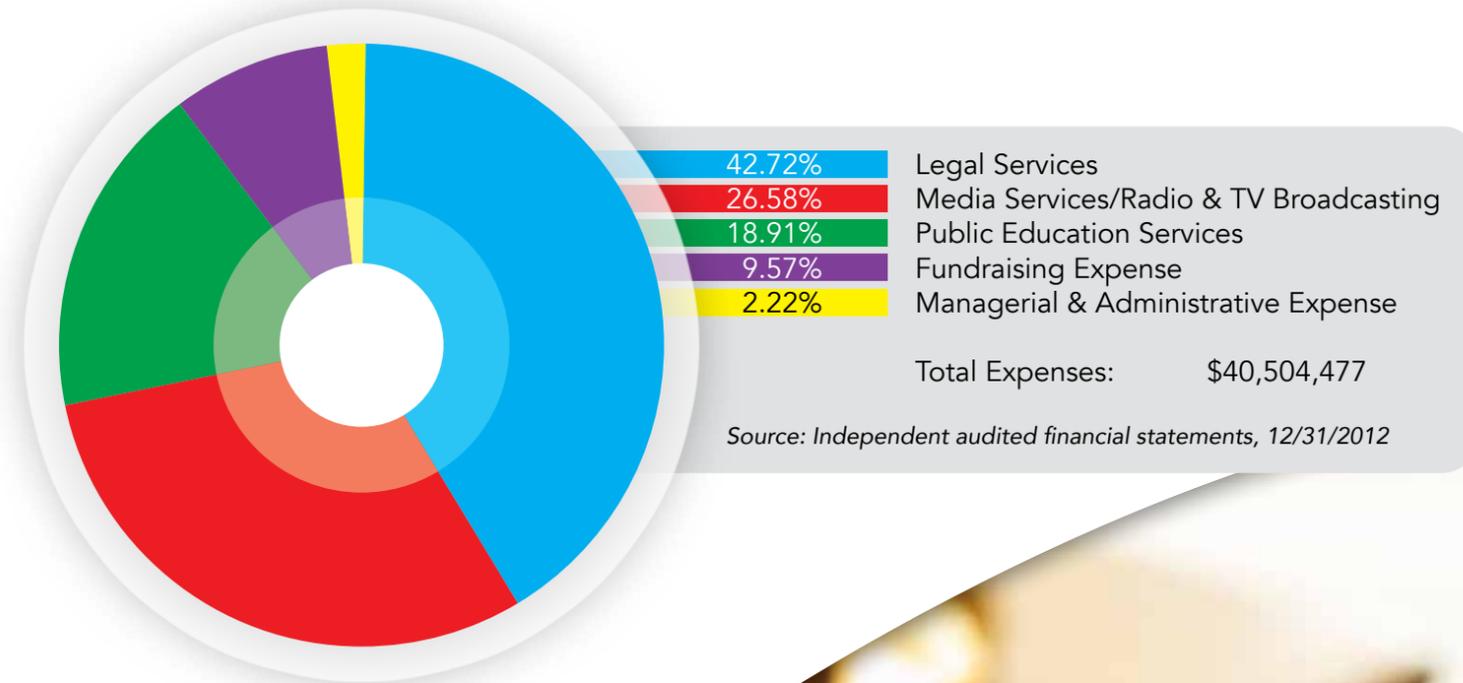


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WITH INTEGRITY

Donations to the ACLJ can be given with confidence. We strive to use every dollar in the most prudent manner to ensure its maximum impact. We never charge for our legal services. We are independently audited every year. The ACLJ has a "transparency" grade of "A" and a five-star "financial efficiency" rating from MinistryWatch.com. We are proud to report that 88¢ of every dollar donated goes toward protecting your rights and securing your freedoms.

2012 EXPENSES

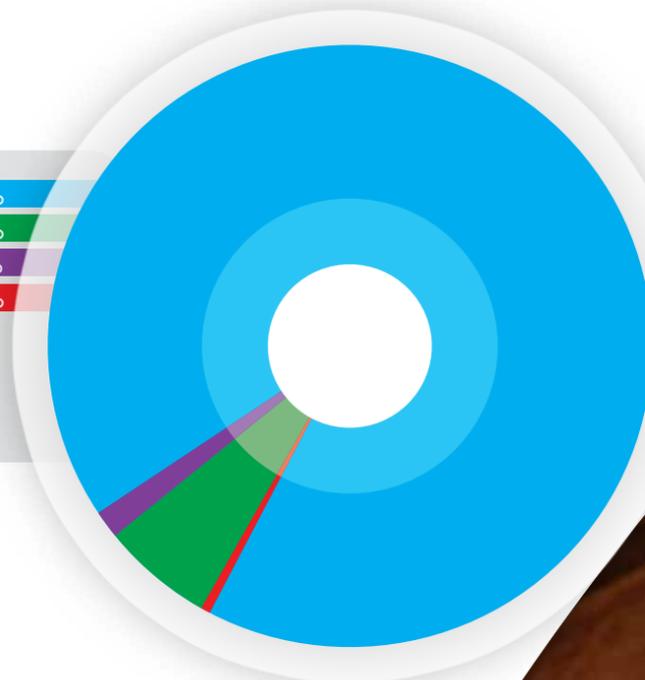


2012 INCOME

Contributions	\$37,899,679	92.88%
Major Donors, Grants, and Bequests	\$2,187,590	5.36%
Investment Income	\$526,898	1.29%
Other income	\$191,029	.47%

Total Income \$40,805,196

Source: Independent audited financial statements, 12/31/2012



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THROUGH THE LAW

The ACLJ stands ready to fight wherever freedom is threatened. Just since the beginning of last year, our legal teams have handled **9,145** inquiries for legal assistance.

THROUGH GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM

The ACLJ is a highly effective advocate, employing massive petition and online campaigns to make change happen.

607,917

petitions signed to Save Pastor Saeed

307,120

to Stop Funding Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood

198,492

to Stop the Abortion-Pill Mandate

190,201

in Support of Israel Taking Action Against a Nuclear Iran

163,393

to Stop Planned Parenthood's Taxpayer Funding

THROUGH GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The ACLJ is actively involved in government affairs at both the state and the federal level.

Legislation

- Arkansas Heartbeat Bill — A new state law banning most abortions after 12 weeks' gestation where a heartbeat has been detected (based on legislation drafted with help from the ACLJ).

- House Resolution 556 — Thanks in part to the ACLJ's advocacy for Pastor Saeed and 600,000+ signatures gathered through our "Save Saeed" campaign, a new congressional resolution pressuring Iran to free the Christian pastor facing death for his religious beliefs
- Senate Resolution 65 — A resolution (supported through the ACLJ's Government Affairs office in Washington, D.C., and our nationwide petition campaign) urging the U.S. to stand with Israel if Israel is compelled to take nuclear action against Iran in defense of its territory, its people, and its very existence

On Behalf of Congress

- ObamaCare HHS Mandate — Filed briefs on behalf of 79 Members of Congress in numerous courts throughout the country
- Protecting Our National Motto — Filed brief in *Freedom From Religion Foundation vs. US Congress* on behalf of 41 Members of Congress to protect "In God We Trust" on our currency

In the Halls of Congress

- ACLJ Chief Counsel Jay Alan Sekulow, ACLJ Executive Director Jordan Sekulow, and Pastor Saeed's wife, Naghmeh Abedini, appeared before the Tom Lantos Commission to speak about religious persecution in Iran, and specifically Pastor Saeed's case. Immediately after the hearing, the trio met with State Department personnel.
- Four ACLJ clients, along with ACLJ personnel, testified before the House Ways and Means Committee about the IRS abuse they experienced.

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Our work is not just “legal.” It’s *personal*. Faith and freedom are where people really live — all the way from children being banned from praying in school, to Christians facing death because of their faith. The ACLJ has the privilege of changing people’s lives by protecting their liberties.

“When I first heard of my husband’s arrest, I was devastated. I didn’t know where to go and who to turn to. The Lord brought the ACLJ as a gift to our family. From Day One they have been at the forefront of fighting to get my husband, Pastor Saeed Abedini, out of Iranian prison. They have been more than a legal team to our family. They have been there with their prayers and support and have put great effort in removing financial strain from our family as I have had to travel to fight for my husband’s release and to allow the Lord to use this suffering in our life to be glorified and the Gospel of Jesus preached. With your prayers and support of the ACLJ, you are standing with our family in these efforts and are allowing us to continue. I wanted to thank you from the bottom of our hearts, from the kids and I and Pastor Saeed. God bless you all.”

— Naghmeh Abedini



Naghmeh Abedini, with Jordan Sekulow, testifying in Congress on her husband’s behalf.

“Thanks so much for all your help in this matter. [My son] is very happy now that he can wear his rosary and not have to worry about getting in trouble.... I can’t tell you enough how thankful we are for all your help.”

— Gina Hart

“I want to thank you and the ACLJ for helping [my son].... May the Lord richly bless you and the ACLJ for standing up for religious freedom. Thank you very much!”

— Curtis Bailey



“It gives me great confidence to know that our case is being handled by one of the most reputable defenders of the First Amendment in American legal history. Beyond its legal expertise, the ACLJ also employs a wonderful, personable, servant-hearted staff with whom I share common interests, ideas, and faith. It is not too much to say that the ACLJ is an indispensable support to human liberty and the American order.”

— Kevin Kookogey, President/Founder
Linchpins of Liberty: An American Leadership Development Enterprise

Justice AND YOU

The ACLJ has become an increasingly popular and greatly trusted independent media source. Our programs and social media tools allow you to stay informed on the issues and cases that matter most to you.

On *Jay Sekulow Live!*, the daily radio program airing at noon ET on more than 850 stations nationwide, Chief Counsel Jay Alan Sekulow takes calls from listeners across the nation. The program features up-to-the-minute news and insights related to the hottest court cases and issues where faith and freedom are on the line.

ACLJ This Week is a hard-hitting television program wrapping up events of the week and previewing upcoming news on life-and-liberty fronts.

Numerous distinguished U.S. and international guests have appeared on both programs. They're available online at the highly interactive ACLJ.org.

ACLJ Social Action Apps on Facebook, iPhone, and Android are designed to give you instant access to the information you need, and to take meaningful action in the fight for freedom. Our online Docket Blog and Legal Resources sections keep you informed; you can sign petitions and make your voice heard in Washington; and view special video reports, ACLJ television shows, and ACLJ Films trailers.



**ACLJ.org**



To create a legacy of defending life and religious freedom with the ACLJ, while benefiting yourself and your family, consider these excellent options.

Charitable gift annuity to the ACLJ. This is a direct agreement between you and the American Center for Law and Justice which will give you income for life and a charitable tax deduction now — all while helping the ACLJ continue the work to which you are committed.

A gift of stocks. By giving a gift of stock, instead of selling the stock and then donating the cash generated from the sale, you can avoid paying tax on its appreciated value; the ACLJ receives the full value of the stock instead of what is left after paying taxes.

A bequest in your will. Including a bequest to the ACLJ in your will means an estate tax charitable deduction, lessening the burden of taxes on your family — and leaving a lasting legacy.

A trust. You can establish a trust to benefit yourself and the ACLJ. Find multiple trust options at ACLJLegacy.org.

A gift of life insurance. If you have paid-up policies you no longer need, life insurance can make a convenient

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tax-deductible charitable gift, with tax deductions on the premiums being paid or the cash value of the policy.

An IRA rollover gift. If you are age 70½ and older, you may be eligible to make a tax-free charitable distribution from your IRA up to \$100,000. The IRA rollover may simplify your tax return, because the distribution is not included in your federal taxable income.

For help with these or other special gift or estate planning options, please visit our planned-giving website, ACLJLegacy.org.

"It is a thrill to get to [use the CGAs]. We are not thinking about ourselves. This is a way for us to give to others. The Lord leads us to each annuity. They have opened the door for us to help others."

—Mr. and Mrs. Brown

The ACLJ is not offering tax advice in supplying its members the information contained herein. We urge you to seek professional tax advice.



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ON FILM

Founded as a partner in the ACLJ's mission of protecting free speech and religious liberty across the globe, ACLJ Films releases documentaries that tell the personal stories of individuals struggling for life, religious freedom, and freedom of speech and informs the public with revealing facts from international experts and officials. Call 877-989-2255 toll-free to request any of these resources.

- **Tax Invasion** (2014 release) — A shocking exposé about the IRS abuse of Christians and conservatives
- **Ringside** with Jay Sekulow — An inside look at the most important constitutional battles waged and won by the ACLJ
- **Forever Changed** — A powerful documentary commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and the War on Terror, featuring interviews with people who experienced 9/11 firsthand
- **The Export** — A dynamic look at the crisis in the Middle East and the radical Islamic threat to the world
- **Choosing Life** — Inspiring history of the pro-life movement chronicled by the leaders who waged the battles
- **Unshaken** — A firsthand view of the Islamic threat, including a bomb shelter interview with Israel's President



RINGSIDE

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