“JUSTICE, JUSTICE, YOU SHALL PURSUE...”
— DEUTERONOMY 16:20
Dear Friend & Fellow Member of the ACLJ,

This has been a year of great victories for — and great challenges to — freedom, life, and liberty. We have focused heavily on fighting radical Islamic jihad’s campaign of anti-Christian genocide. This will be the defining issue of our generation. History will judge us for how we responded to the attempted destruction of Christianity at the hands of jihadists around the world.

Together, we remain committed to protecting what we believe are universal, God-given, inalienable rights. This commitment is multi-faceted. It is seen in calling for truth and fighting for justice in the IRS scandal and protecting citizens whose First Amendment rights are denied in their communities. It’s seen in fighting for the lives of unborn babies and standing with Israel as threats against our ally increase. The ACLJ is strategically positioned to meet these challenges, and by God’s grace, we continue to grow. More are joining us in the fight for freedom every day — which means our advocacy increases in effectiveness, enhancing our ability to achieve victories for the cause of freedom.

I am grateful for our ACLJ members, who have stood so faithfully and generously with us this year. You have my sincere thanks. God bless you.
THE ACLJ SCORED REMARKABLE VICTORIES THIS PAST YEAR

The “Genocide” Designation

The ACLJ has advocated strongly and consistently for the Islamic State’s (ISIS) atrocities against Christians to be officially designated as “genocide,” in order to set in motion the United Nations (U.N.) Congress on Genocide and activate legal protections and other actions.

Our advocacy has contributed to significant victories in this fight; the United States Congress, Secretary of State John Kerry, and even President Barack Obama have all officially declared the “genocide” label.

We’ve also urged action in Europe, by calling on the European Parliament to recognize the genocide.

The ACLJ has developed a powerful seven-point action plan designed to stop ISIS genocide against Christians and other religious minorities. We’re advancing this plan on a daily basis through the largest legal advocacy campaign in our history.

Government officials have now admitted their Middle East policy failure, and many Christians’ lives are tragically at risk.

So we continue to fight. And we are making progress at the U.N., through the Secretary of State, the European Parliament, and the United States Congress. But, our work is far from over.

Supreme Court Victories

- **Texas v. United States** — President Obama’s Executive actions rewriting our immigration laws were unconstitutional, a blatant example of his pattern of violating the U.S. Constitution. ACLJ Chief Counsel Jay Alan Sekulow testified before Congress that “impatient Presidents don’t get to change the law,” and the ACLJ filed an amicus brief in this case at the Supreme Court of the United States, as well as at the Fifth Circuit Court, on behalf of 113 Members of Congress. In an important victory, the High Court kept in place a federal injunction blocking the President’s unlawful actions.

- **Reed v. Town of Gilbert** — In a big victory for First Amendment liberties, the Supreme Court handed down a crucial decision on free speech rights at Good News Community Church of Gilbert, Arizona, allowing temporary signs promoting their worship services to stay. We argued in an amicus brief that the town’s sign code violated the First Amendment by making different rules for religious and non-religious signs. The Supreme Court Justices unanimously agreed with our brief.

- **Zubik v. Burwell** — The Supreme Court issued a unanimous per curiam opinion ordering lower courts to help the Little Sisters of the Poor and other religious organizations work out a compromise with the Obama Administration on the ObamaCare abortion-pill insurance-coverage mandate. This is a significant victory for religious freedom and for life. The ACLJ filed an amicus brief in this case at the Supreme Court.
Freedom for Saeed

After enduring 1,449 days locked up in Iran’s most notorious torture prison, American Pastor Saeed Abedini was finally freed. Even the New York Times recognized that the ACLJ played a pivotal role: “The American Center for Law and Justice, an organization focused on the rights of Christians, gathered more than a million signatures on a petition protesting the imprisonment of Saeed Abedini, an Iranian-American pastor and convert from Islam who was one of four Americans freed.... For [other small] organizations, a million signatures for any cause would constitute a supernatural happening.”

Freedom from IRS Abuse

In our fight against the Internal Revenue Service, the ACLJ secured a major victory in federal appeals court, which agreed with our position that the agency’s targeting of conservatives has not ended and that our clients — numerous conservative, Tea Party, and pro-life groups — deserve to have their day in court.

In its opinion, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit agreed that the First Amendment rights of the 38 non-profit organizations from 22 states we represent were violated. This result means that our case against the Obama Administration’s IRS for the deliberate and illegal targeting of groups for their political beliefs can move forward.

SFC Martland Cleared

The ACLJ took action in support of Sgt. First Class Charles Martland, who was wrongly targeted for saving a child from horrific abuse in the Afghan war zone.

The ACLJ mounted a massive advocacy campaign, sending critical legal letters to President Obama, the Army Chief of Staff, Secretary of the Army, Secretary of Defense, and more. After six months of advocacy and 135,000 signatures on our petition, SFC Martland has now been officially exonerated.

Freedom of Conscience

Dr. Doris Fernandes was fired for her religious beliefs. For most of her 35-year career in medicine, her employer honored her religious objection against dispensing contraceptives, abortifacients, or referrals for such services to her patients. But as a result of ObamaCare, the City of Philadelphia’s Department of Public Health mandated all of its doctors to participate in prescribing abortion-inducing drugs. When Dr. Fernandes requested a religious accommodation, she was fired.

We filed a lawsuit on behalf of Dr. Fernandes, and achieved a significant victory. The City of Philadelphia agreed to adopt a new policy respecting the conscience and religious rights of medical providers.

These are only a few of the many victories achieved by the ACLJ this year in our ongoing pursuit of FREEDOM with the strong support of committed members like you. Thank you!
FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

CURRENT ISSUES

FREEDOM FROM BIG ABORTION

The ACLJ is pursuing three major pro-life cases:

Planned Parenthood v. CMP and National Abortion Federation v. CMP — In these twin cases, the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) is being sued by Big Abortion to prevent the release of additional videos depicting what a key congressional probe recently confirmed: Planned Parenthood broke the law and sold the body parts of aborted babies for profit. These cases have the potential to damage Big Abortion significantly.

Livingwell Medical Clinic v. Harris — A new law in California forces pro-life crisis pregnancy centers (many of them faith-based) to provide every client with a contact phone number for an entity offering a state-financed abortion. The state can’t tell a preacher what to preach. Or a newspaper what to print. Or a private school what to teach. But the State of California believes it can tell a pro-life crisis pregnancy center what to tell women who turn to them for help. If a pregnancy center refuses to display such a sign in their lobby — effectively acting as “salesmen” for the abortion industry, they can be fined thousands of dollars.

The ACLJ is fighting to protect pro-life crisis pregnancy centers. The First Amendment protects against the government either restricting speech or compelling speech.

FREEDOM FOR ISRAEL

Eleven Presidents in a row have stood firm in support of our ally Israel. From Harry Truman to George W. Bush, Israel could count on America’s strong support. But now Barack Obama has the dubious distinction of being the first U.S. President ever to turn his back on Israel. Not only is he threatening to withhold a crucial veto on a deadly resolution at the United Nations — he is threatening to offer it as an American proposal! He would divide Jerusalem and give Christian holy sites over to radical Islamic jihadists — including Jesus’ tomb, the Last Supper room, and the Mount of Olives. He would force Israel to accept pre-1967 borders, which are indefensibly narrow, inviting attack by enemies.

This betrayal could not come at a worse time for the Israeli people. Palestinian terrorists have launched more than 300...
BDS — the anti-Israel movement of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions — is a global movement with the goal of stripping the Jewish State of its legitimacy and destroying its economy. BDS must be stopped, and the ACLJ is taking the lead in this battle. We are pursuing dozens of anti-Israel discrimination cases in the U.S., and representing clients who have been victimized by BDS:

- At Loyola University in Chicago, a young Jewish leader was harassed at a student event and falsely accused of violating the Student Code of Conduct. We took the case, and the student was quickly cleared of all charges.
- At the University of Texas, pro-Palestine students interrupted a public event, then orchestrated a media campaign to terminate the Israeli professor who hosted it. The ACLJ represented him, and he was cleared of any violations.
- And more.

We are also launching a massive multi-national legal advocacy effort that will make a huge impact across the U.S., at the United Nations, and among world leaders. To set it all in motion, we co-sponsored the largest-ever global conference focused on fighting back against efforts to delegitimize Israel and destroy its economy.

ACLJ Chief Counsel Jay Alan Sekulow delivered a major address at the conference. He pointed out, is apparent in the U.S. and worldwide. A byproduct of that hatred is the BDS movement, whose unambiguous goal is the elimination of the State of Israel.

Jay outlined for the U.N. the ACLJ’s multi-pronged legal and media advocacy strategy to combat the BDS movement:
1. Expose the true nature of BDS for what it is.
2. Identify and quash BDS manifestations, including subtle ones that violate existing law and policy.
3. Enshrine in the law additional protections for Jewish citizens and Israeli interests.
4. Change the international conversation about Israel stemming from false BDS narrative.

BDS targets people of all faiths — anyone who supports Israel — but the ACLJ is fighting back effectively. Our strategy is already working. We have won victories against BDS at the Loyola University in Chicago, University of Texas, University of California, University of Michigan, UCLA, and City University of New York (CUNY), in addition to the American Studies Association.
**FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM**

**STRICT FINANCIAL INTEGRITY**

**BDS: A NEW FORM OF TERRORISM**

**ADVOCACY POWERS VICTORY**

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In order to increase our effectiveness in the ongoing battles for life and liberty, we are dramatically expanding our media presence across the U.S. We have expanded our radio stations nationwide.

We are purchasing a building as a strategic new ACLJ Advocacy Center and expanding our advocacy team.

The Advocacy Center is not simply a “facility.” It represents a major step forward in the pursuit of freedom and justice. In fact, this is the largest advocacy expansion in the history of the ACLJ. It will make a significant difference in our ability to lead the “fight for right.”

The more voices that join with us, the greater your own influence grows. Our new ACLJ Advocacy Center will enable a dramatic expansion of our media footprint and improve our ability to defend and advance your liberties in courtrooms across the nation.

The American Center for Law & Justice AMPLIFIES YOUR VOICE on these critical issues and more:
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**MINISTRYWATCH.COM Rankings**
- #2 in overall efficiency
- #1 fund acquisition decision
- #1 in asset utilization decision
- ***** overall efficiency rating

**2015 INCOME**

- Contributions: $47,429,998 (90.44%)
- Major Donors, Grants, and Bequests: $4,879,820 (9.31%)
- Other Income: $131,680 (0.25%)
- **Total Income**: $52,441,498

**2015 EXPENSES**

- Legal Services: 41.27%
- Media Services/Radio & TV Broadcasting: 27.39%
- Public Education Services: 20.49%
- Fundraising Expenses: 8.36%
- Managerial & Administrative Expenses: 2.49%
- **Total Expenses**: $43,972,497

Source: Independent audited financial statements, 12/31/2015
The ACLJ is actively involved in government affairs at both the state and federal levels. We’ve worked with Members of Congress in support of significant legislation this year:

- **Amendment #289** — The U.S. House of Representatives approved a measure calling for establishment of refugee safe zones.
- **H. Con. Res. 75** — The House unanimously passed a bipartisan resolution declaring ISIS atrocities against Christians to be “genocide.”
- **H.R. 3762** — The House passed a reconciliation bill that defunds Planned Parenthood and repeals large portions of ObamaCare supported by the abortion industry.
- **H.R. 1150** — The House implemented this resolution, representing key ACLJ proposals for battling international religious persecution.
- **H.R. 4038** — The House passed this bipartisan bill implementing ACLJ recommendations, requiring background investigations and certifications before aliens from Syria or Iraq are admitted to the U.S. as refugees.

### AT THE SUPREME COURT

The ACLJ litigates in state and federal courts across the nation, with a specific focus on the Supreme Court of the United States. In the past year, we filed amicus briefs in the following major, and other important, cases:

- **Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt** — We argued for commonsense safety restrictions on abortion clinics.
- **Texas v. United States** — We stood against President Obama’s illegal Executive action on immigration. **Victory!** The Supreme Court ruled President Obama overstepped his authority when he unilaterally granted legal status to millions of illegal immigrants.
- **Zubik v. Burwell** — We fought the ObamaCare abortion-pill mandate that forces religious organizations to violate their faith and pay for contraception and abortion pills. **Victory!** The Supreme Court agreed — this was a huge victory for religious freedom!

### THROUGH LEGISLATION

The ACLJ is a highly effective advocate, employing massive petition and social advocacy campaigns to effect change within our government and elsewhere. Here are the top petitions of this past year:

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Thank you for the good work the ACLJ is doing to help protect and defend our Christian values. It can be overwhelming, at times, to hear what is taking place in our own country and the atrocities taking place against Christians in other parts of the world. The ACLJ is making a DIFFERENCE!

—R. & H. Laplante, Cocoa, FL

I am blessed to be just a small part of such a great ministry and am thankful for the important and powerful work that is done by the ACLJ on behalf of so many in the world.

—P. Lasher, Columbus, OH

One day I walked into a pregnancy center and saw a darling, cheery, pink-cheeked two-year-old girl whose mom was pregnant and was sitting with her in the waiting room. Upon coming out of my short appointment, I made eye contact with the little girl’s mother, and she asked me, ‘Are you one of the people on the sidewalk outside the abortion clinic?’ I said yes, and she told me, ‘One of your people talked to me when I was pregnant with her (pointing to the two-year-old girl), and I decided not to abort. They gave me booties and a cross which I have hanging in her bedroom!’

—Judith Minahan*, pro-life counselor

*The ACLJ achieved an important victory for life, representing Ms. Minahan in a lawsuit against the city of Fort Myers, Florida, after she was wrongfully cited by police for exercising her First Amendment right to speak to women outside an abortion clinic.

I am blessed to be able to help, even in a small way. The ACLJ has renewed my faith that there are those willing to devote their time to such worthwhile endeavors, for both individuals and for this country.

—S. Herman, Shelton, WA
To create a legacy of defending life, liberty, and religious freedom with the ACLJ, while benefiting yourself and your family, consider these excellent options:

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

**A charitable gift annuity (CGA)** will give you or you and your spouse 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**, instead of a gift of cash after selling stocks, allows the ACLJ to receive the full value of the stock instead of what’s left after payment of taxes.

**A trust** can benefit yourself and the ACLJ. Find multiple trust options at ACLJLegacy.org.

**A gift of life insurance** you no longer need can make a convenient, tax-deductible charitable gift, with tax deductions on the premiums being paid or the cash value of the policy.

**An IRA rollover gift** may simplify your tax return, as charitable distributions up to $100,000 are not included in your federal taxable income. If you are age 70-1/2 or older, Congress has made this option permanent.

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

We have always liked what Jay has stood for and the work of the ACLJ, fighting for Christian values and standing with Israel. At our age, a CGA is one way we can help and make an impact while receiving a needed benefit.

— Gerald Strickland, San Angelo, TX
By two-time *New York Times* Bestselling author and ACLJ Chief Counsel Jay Alan Sekulow:

**Rise of ISIS: A Threat We Can’t Ignore**
This powerful book climbed to #1 on *The New York Times* Best Sellers List.

**Undemocratic: Rogue, Reckless and Renegade: How the Government is Stealing Democracy One Agency at a Time**
Jay Sekulow’s hard-hitting exposé debuted at #10 on *The New York Times* Best Sellers List.

Also from the ACLJ:

- **Abortion, Inc.** — A riveting documentary film reveals the biggest human rights crisis of our lifetime and shines a light on the true motivations of Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry.
- **Let My People Go** — A compelling behind-the-scenes DVD featuring stories of Christians targeted for their faith that highlights what must be done to save the persecuted Church.
- **Tax Invasion** — A shocking exposé about the IRS abuse of Christians and conservatives.
- **My Fight for Justice** — This valuable book spotlights the most serious threats to religious freedom and the Constitution today, including the crucial importance of America’s alliance with Israel.
- **Ringside with Jay Sekulow** — An inside view of the most important constitutional battles waged and won by the ACLJ.
- **The Export** — A dynamic look at the crisis in the Middle East and the radical Islamic threat to the world.
- **Choosing Life** — An 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.
- **Shari'ah in America: Islamic Shari'ah’s Threat to American Liberty** — An essential read spotlighting the very real threat Islamic Shari’ah (law) poses to you and to every American.

The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) and its globally affiliated organizations are committed to ensuring the ongoing viability of freedom and liberty in the United States and around the world. By focusing on U.S. constitutional law, European Union law, and human rights law, the ACLJ and its affiliated organizations are dedicated to the concept that freedom and liberty are universal, God-given, inalienable rights that must be protected.

The ACLJ and its worldwide affiliates engage in litigation, provide legal services, render advice to individuals and governmental agencies, and counsel clients on global freedom and liberty issues. They also support training law students from around the world in order to protect religious liberty and safeguard human rights and dignity.

As a non-profit organization, the ACLJ does not charge for its services and is dependent upon God and the resources He provides through the time, talent, and gifts of people who share our concerns and desire to protect religious and constitutional freedoms.

Call 800-342-2255 toll-free to request any of these important resources.