



ACLU



2011 FREEDOM REPORT





## A PERSONAL WORD

FROM CHIEF COUNSEL JAY ALAN SEKULOW



Dear Friend & Fellow Member of the ACLJ,

This *Freedom Report* is more than a briefing on the important cases and issues that the ACLJ is dealing with today; it is an expression of gratitude for your support of our wide-ranging work.

Your generosity has helped to make this pivotal year a season of significant victories. Yes, we have witnessed unprecedented attacks on faith and freedom: challenges to public expressions of faith and free speech for Christians in the media, record levels of abortion funding through ObamaCare (which is also an unconstitutional power-grab by the government), assaults on the rights of pro-life activists, advances by radical Islam, promotion of Sharia law in U.S. courts, and more.

But God has uniquely positioned the ACLJ to protect your constitutional freedoms, as well as religious liberties here at home and abroad, and uphold the sanctity of life.

And thanks to committed friends like you, we have been able to battle effectively. So I thank you again, and I urge you to continue in support of the ACLJ, in prayer and in giving.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay".



# CASES & ISSUES

LIFE AND LIBERTY ON THE LINE

The next several pages highlight specifics of the work that the ACLJ is currently engaged in — work empowered by your generous giving — on both the legal and the legislative battlefronts, here in the United States and internationally.

We believe what you'll see here is cause for celebration, but also cause for renewed vigilance and redoubled effort.

It is clear that our work is far from done. Thank you for being a part of the ongoing struggle for life and liberty.



## PROTECTING LIFE

### *Challenging the Pro-Abortion ObamaCare Law*

The new health care reform law contains the largest abortion-funding provision in U.S. history. Chief Counsel Jay Alan Sekulow is leading a team of six lawyers as the ACLJ directly sues the federal government over the fact that it violates some people's religious convictions by requiring them to obtain health insurance; a victory in this lawsuit could cancel out the outrageous abortion-funding provisions in the law. Our direct challenge to ObamaCare, Case 1:10-cv-00950, has been granted expedited review in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The ACLJ is representing four plaintiffs in this lawsuit.

The ACLJ is also involved in three other lawsuits challenging ObamaCare:

- *Commonwealth v. Sebelius*, No. 11-1057 in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Virginia's legal challenge to the provision that forces Americans to buy insurance (the ACLJ is representing 50 Members of Congress and more than 70,000 citizens)
- *Florida v. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services*, Case No. 11-11021 in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (the ACLJ is representing 74 Members of Congress and more than 70,000 citizens)
- *TMLC v. Obama*, Case 10-2388 in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (the ACLJ filed an amicus brief challenging the unconstitutionality of the individual mandate provision and arguing for the law to be nullified in full)





### *Opposing Planned Parenthood Fraud, Fighting Abortion*

Evidence surfaced indicating that Planned Parenthood affiliates in California illegally marked-up drugs while going to the government for reimbursement, resulting in tens of millions of dollars of overbilling at taxpayer expense. The ACLJ, representing a former Planned Parenthood employee who blew the whistle on this outrageous alleged fraud, filed a lawsuit, submitted two major briefs at the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and presented oral arguments in *Gonzalez v. Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles*.

This is one of the most critically important cases of our time. It has the potential to financially devastate our nation's largest abortion provider, significantly curtailing their activities. The circuit court ruled in our favor; the ACLJ continues to work on the case as it makes its way through the court system.

### *Protecting Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers*

A growing number of cities are passing statutes which discriminate against and violate the constitutional rights of pro-life crisis pregnancy centers. In *The Evergreen Assoc., Inc. v. City of New York* (S.D.N.Y., Case No. 11-CIV-2055), pro-abortion groups are trying to shut down pro-life counseling centers by forcing them to comply with new and overly burdensome rules and regulations and incur additional expenses. This effort is being rolled out by Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice America, and pro-abortion legislators; New York is the model they are using across the country.

The ACLJ represents groups that operate a total of 13 crisis pregnancy centers across New York City. We contend that the new rules, codified in a city ordinance, violate the constitutionally protected rights to freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and association, freedom of the press, and due process of law. We secured an initial victory in this important case by obtaining an injunction against enforcement of the new law when a federal judge blocked enactment of the measure; but the City is appealing and the pro-abortion groups are joining them, so we must prepare to fight.

The outcome of this issue in New York will be felt nationwide and will profoundly affect the pro-life movement for good or bad.

We're also filing an amicus brief in a similar case in Baltimore.



### *Fighting Planned Parenthood Taxpayer Funding*

The ACLJ is working to cut off the federal funding of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider. Our work continues in Congress in support of legislation that would end the more than \$360 million in taxpayer funds going to Planned Parenthood every year. We'll soon be filing an amicus brief on behalf of Members of Congress and thousands of Americans in a crucial Indiana case: we're backing the new state law there which bars its federal dollars from going to abortion groups like Planned Parenthood.

### *Pharmacists' Conscience Rights Upheld*

We've been standing with pharmacists for years, working to protect their conscience rights. Now the circuit court sitting in Springfield, Illinois, has agreed with us in the case of *Morr-Fitz, Inc. v. Blagojevich*, declaring that the state law violates the state's Health Care Right of Conscience Act, the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), and the Free Exercise of Religion Clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

We argued in support of the fundamental right of pharmacists to practice their profession without having to violate their conscience with regard to abortion.

We continue to argue, in other cases across the country, that pharmacists and medical professionals are entitled to work according to the dictates of their moral and religious beliefs — refusing to dispense contraceptives or abortion-related pharmaceuticals, for example.





# MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF RADICAL ISLAM

## ***Action at the United Nations***

We continue to work extensively at the United Nations (U.N.). We have achieved a clear victory on the Defamation of Religions resolution. For the first time in many years, the resolution was not offered at the Human Rights Council. This came after more and more erosion of support for the Defamation of Religions resolution, sponsored by the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), continued due to our attorneys' regular visits to the United Nations. Pressure from our group, including our international teams, is getting results, with fewer and fewer nations supporting this discriminatory resolution. We remain vigilant in this fight and will stand against any future attempts to implement this agenda of persecution toward Christians.

## ***No Mosque at Ground Zero***

In the midst of a nationwide outcry against the disturbing proposal to build an Islamic mosque near Ground Zero — the site in New York City where thousands of Americans were murdered by Islamic terrorists in the attacks of 9/11 — the ACLJ mobilized legal and legislative teams that filed a lawsuit at the New York State Supreme Court (*Brown v. NYC Landmarks*) and delivered oral arguments there, charging that the city violated its Charter and its Administrative Code. We represent surviving 9/11 firefighter Tim Brown. The ACLJ continues to litigate this issue, especially in light of growing concerns about the backers and supporters of this project and their ties to radical Islam.

## ***Protecting Persecuted Christians Worldwide***

The Islamic threat against Christians is mounting. We have been inundated with pleas for help from Christians in numerous countries, all facing various forms and levels of anti-Christian persecution and endangerment. Our work



### ***THE EXPORT: Radical Islam's Map to the End of Democracy***

An explosive ACLJ film examining the crisis in the Middle East and alerting Americans to the clear and present danger of the radical Islamic threat to the world.



### ***Shariah in America: Islamic Shariah's Threat to American Liberty***

A comprehensive look at the history and meaning of Shari'ah, detailing how and why it is utterly incompatible with U.S. law and exposing the attempts by fundamentalist Muslims to subvert our legal system.



### ***Shari'ah Law: Radical Islam's Threat to the U.S. Constitution***

The ACLJ's booklet condensed from *Shariah in America: Islamic Shariah's Threat to American Liberty*.

at the European Centre for Law and Justice (ECLJ), specifically in Pakistan, reflects our dedication to, and success in, assisting Christians who face punishment and even death at the hands of Islamic radicals.

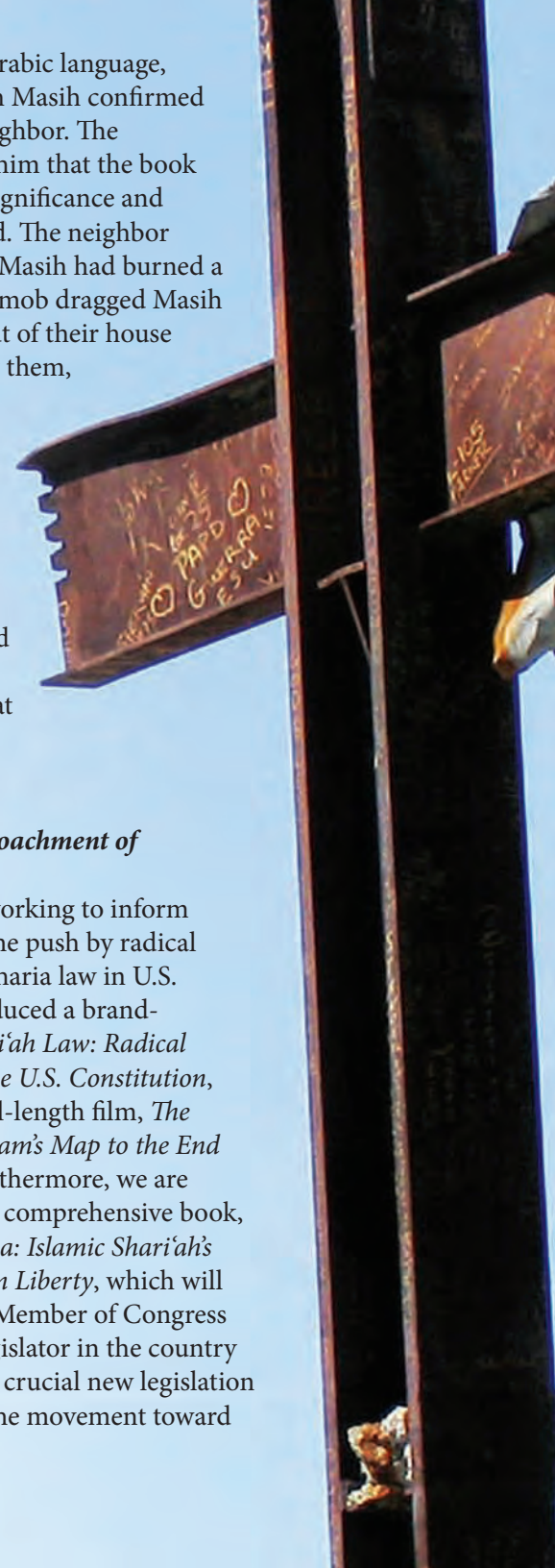
- **We're representing a Pakistani Christian convert from Islam** who applied for asylum in the U.K. After he became a Christian and went back to Pakistan, his schoolmates stabbed him. The U.K. denied his asylum application. We have filed a series of appeals, most recently with the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).
- **A short time ago, Muslims abducted a young woman and sold her in marriage** to a Muslim man, forcing her to accept Islam. After she contacted us and we got involved, the police arrested the abductors, and the woman was finally freed. We filed an application in court to have the woman's statement recorded and will continue to protect her rights.
- **We have successfully represented 43 Christians detained in their homes** by Muslims after a Muslim woman and a Christian man eloped. The Muslims called it an abduction, then proceeded to detain all Christians living in the area, threatening to burn them alive in their homes. We filed a habeas corpus petition in court and successfully freed the Christians from illegal detention. We then represented the husband's cousin, who was charged in the abduction case, and succeeded in getting the Investigation Officer to dismiss the complaint.
- **We're representing a young Christian man falsely accused** of killing his Muslim employer. The ACLJ persuaded the court to grant bail, and then to reduce the amount of bail. The defendant was released in April; our motion to dismiss the case is scheduled for this summer.

We are also battling notorious blasphemy laws in Pakistan. In one especially significant case, the Community Development Initiative (CDI), the Pakistani affiliate of the ECLJ, has filed an appeal in the Lahore High Court on behalf of a young Christian falsely accused of burning Qur'anic verses. Imran Masih was sentenced to life imprisonment and a fine. The case involves an old

textbook on the Arabic language, the status of which Masih confirmed with a Muslim neighbor. The neighbor advised him that the book had no religious significance and could be destroyed. The neighbor then claimed that Masih had burned a Qur'an. An angry mob dragged Masih and his brother out of their house and began beating them, then doused them with kerosene oil to set them on fire, when police intervened. Even then, more than 1,000 Muslim zealots surrounded the police station and demanded that the police hand Masih over.

## ***Stopping the Encroachment of Sharia Law***

The ACLJ is working to inform the public about the push by radical Islam to employ Sharia law in U.S. courts. We've produced a brand-new booklet, *Shari'ah Law: Radical Islam's Threat to the U.S. Constitution*, and a dynamic full-length film, *The Export: Radical Islam's Map to the End of Democracy*. Furthermore, we are now working on a comprehensive book, *Shari'ah in America: Islamic Shari'ah's Threat to American Liberty*, which will be given to every Member of Congress and every state legislator in the country to help them draft crucial new legislation designed to stop the movement toward Sharia law.





# STANDING WITH ISRAEL

## *Protecting U.S. and Israeli Sovereignty*

In the International Criminal Court (ICC), the Palestinian Authority has called for Israeli soldiers (some who hold dual U.S. citizenship) to be convicted of war crimes, simply for fulfilling their duty and defending their countrymen against attacks by Hamas terrorists. ACLJ Chief Counsel Jay Alan Sekulow has assembled an international legal team, including former Attorney General John Ashcroft, to fight back. Our team presented critical arguments, aimed at protecting Israel's (and America's) national security interests, before the ICC at The Hague, and has filed major briefs in this case.

## *Israel Under Attack*

With new and dangerous threats to eliminate Israel, the ACLJ remains committed to pressuring President Obama, the U.S. Congress, and other leaders in America to stand with Israel. We must strengthen, not weaken, our relationship with our best and most trusted ally in the Middle East. The ACLJ is strongly opposing the President's call for a return to pre-1967 borders, which would seriously threaten Israel's security and divide Jerusalem. We are also opposing the President's call for Israel to negotiate with the Palestinian Authority, which is now partnering with Hamas terrorists who openly call for the annihilation of Israel and of

Jews everywhere. In addition, we are working to stop U.S. taxpayer funding of and provision of security forces training for the Palestinian Authority.

The ACLJ has dispatched a team of senior attorneys to work alongside the Special Operations Unit in our Jerusalem office. We're also involved at the United Nations in Geneva and New York. Furthermore, our Government Affairs team is working with Congress and the State Department to have taxpayer funding for the Palestinian Authority suspended and eventually revoked, and to preserve our nation's long-standing alliance with Israel. We are filing legal documents at the United Nations, working directly with Members of the U.S. Congress, and interacting with Israeli officials in order to implement a comprehensive strategy to defend the interests of our most trusted ally in the Middle East — the State of Israel.



## ISRAEL SURROUNDED



# DEFENDING OUR NATION & OUR HERITAGE

## Protecting Our Borders

The ACLJ filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court of the United States supporting the state of Arizona, which had passed a tough but fair law aimed at illegal immigration in an effort to secure its borders and protect its citizens. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), followed by the federal government, sued the state in *Chamber of Commerce v. Candelaria*, Case 09-115. The Justices agreed with our position and upheld the constitutionality of the Arizona Workers Act, an employer-sanctions law that penalizes businesses knowingly hiring illegal immigrants. This is an important victory not only for Arizona, but also for other states that want to protect their borders and citizens.

In only a matter of weeks, the Supreme Court will issue its ruling in an even larger Arizona immigration case, *Friendly House v. Whiting*, Case 2:10-cv-01061, in which we've also filed briefs in support of Arizona's right to defend its borders.

## Protecting the National Day of Prayer

When the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) filed a federal lawsuit against the President's National Day of Prayer proclamation, the ACLJ filed an amicus brief asserting that the observance was indeed constitutional. At the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, the court's Chief Judge Frank Easterbrook echoed an argument made by the ACLJ in its amicus brief, when he wrote: "Hurt feelings differ from legal

injury." This ruling is a victory for our nation's heritage and history. In this case, the ACLJ represented 67 Members of the 111th Congress (from both parties).

## Protecting Public Expressions of Faith

We continue our work to protect the war memorial cross on Mount Soledad in San Diego. We have filed an amicus brief in support of the federal government's request that the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit rehear a case in which a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit declared the long-standing memorial unconstitutional. We filed our amicus brief on behalf of thousands of citizens who signed our Petition to Preserve the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial, as well as 17 Members of the 112th U.S. Congress and Advocates for Faith and Freedom, a California-based religious liberties law firm. Our argument references the guidance of Justice Kennedy: "[A] Latin cross is not merely a reaffirmation of Christian beliefs. It is a symbol often used to honor and respect those whose heroic acts, noble contributions, and patient striving help secure an honored place in history for this Nation and its people." *Salazar v. Buono*, 130 S. Ct. 1803, 1820 (2010) (plurality).

We are also defending the Pledge of Allegiance in *FFRF v. Hanover School District*, First Cir. No. 09-2473. In this case, the FFRF challenged the voluntary recitation of the Pledge in two New Hampshire school districts. The ACLJ filed an amicus brief and won a significant victory as the court agreed with us that the Pledge embraces patriotism and does not endorse religion.

In *Freedom From Religion Foundation v. Ayers*, the FFRF challenged the constitutionality of engravings of the National Motto ("In God We Trust") and the Pledge of

Allegiance ("one nation, under God") at the Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, D.C. The ACLJ filed an amicus brief representing 50 Members of Congress, and a U.S. district court judge has ruled in favor of the ACLJ's position, dismissing the case. The FFRF is likely to appeal or re-file, and the ACLJ is committed to defending these symbols of our heritage if they do.

In the case of *Salazar, Secretary of the Interior, et al., v. Buono*, (08-472), the Supreme Court ruled that a World War I memorial in California's Mojave Desert featuring a cross can remain in place. The ACLJ represented itself and 15 Members of Congress in its amicus brief in this long-fought but ultimately successful case. (Shortly after this decision, vandals tore down and took away the cross; President Obama's Department of Justice has refused to replace it.)

We also continue to defend Judge James DeWeese, who is being sued by the ACLU for displaying a poster including the Ten Commandments in his county courtroom. A three-judge panel of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals has agreed with the ACLU. We submitted a petition for writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States in June 2011 asking them to overturn this erroneous ruling.

The ACLJ has also filed an amicus brief at the Supreme Court urging the Justices to take a Utah case — *Davenport v. American Atheists*, Case No. 10-1297 — in which the constitutionality of highway memorial crosses will be decided.





# INTERNATIONAL IMPACT



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Life and liberty are in serious jeopardy in numerous locations beyond America's borders, and what happens in other countries significantly impacts life in the U.S. The ACLJ is increasingly active on many international fronts. From offices in Europe, Jerusalem, Africa, and Asia, our highly effective legal and legislative teams are standing for religious freedom around the globe. We are active in the European Court of Human Rights, the Council of Europe, the ICC, and the United Nations and its other related international agencies.

## ***Crucial Work Beyond Our Borders***

In Italy, the ECLJ scored a major win with an ECHR case in which the court ruled that Italy's schools have the right to display crucifixes. This decision by the Grande Chambre overturns a 2009 decision. The ECLJ submitted *amicus curiae* observations to the court and also organized a seminar at the Council of Europe. The court adopted, with a few subtle differences, the same legal reasoning and arguments developed by the ECLJ in its written observations. The decision has implications in 47 countries.

In Turkey, an Iranian Christian family faced a life-or-death struggle after the government deported them to Iran. They escaped and re-entered Turkey, and a long legal battle ensued. The ECLJ was heavily involved, supporting the family with an amicus filing opposing Turkey's decision to

deport — and the ECHR has now ruled against Turkey and for the family.

In Haiti, the ACLJ assisted in the case of a U.S. missionary jailed in that country — a case with significant international implications. Danny Pye lived and worked in Haiti for eight years. In October 2010, after resolving a property dispute in a civil court hearing, Pye was taken into custody by Haitian authorities, who detained him without explanation. Pye was held, without formal charges filed, for more than five months. In Washington, the ACLJ met with the Ambassador of Haiti to the U.S. and discussed the matter with officials from the U.S. State Department. We also worked with Pye's attorney from Haiti, who was in contact with government officials there. The ACLJ was part of a team working in both the U.S. and Haiti that obtained Pye's release.

## ***Compassion for Africa***

In conjunction with our African Centre for Law and Justice, which is working alongside Christians in Zimbabwe who are drafting a new constitution for their country, we are also protecting the rights of Christians to express their faith and beliefs without persecution, as well as supplying the basic needs of children by providing food, shelter, clothing, portable kitchens, and more.



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

## ***“Baby Joseph” Saved***

A Canadian hospital was in the process of ending all life support treatment for “Baby Joseph” Maraachli, who was suffering from a serious illness and needed medical treatment in the U.S. For weeks, FOX News closely covered the standoff between the hospital, that wanted to let the baby die, and his parents, who wanted to give their baby a fighting chance. We had the privilege of assisting the parents of “Baby Joseph.” We put our attorneys on the ground in Canada to consult with the family and provide legal assistance in facilitating the transfer of the baby from the Canadian hospital to SSM Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri. After undergoing a successful tracheotomy, “Baby Joseph” returned home to Canada and is beginning to breathe on his own.

## ***Rosary OK’d***

A New York school district recently drew national attention for suspending a 13-year-old student for wearing rosary beads to school. The ACLJ filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of the student and his mother, requesting a jury trial and asserting that the school’s actions violated the student’s constitutional rights of speech and expression, free exercise of religion, and due process under the First and Fourteenth Amendments.

After the ACLJ stepped in, a federal district court in New York agreed to let the student remain in class and finish out the school year wearing his rosary. Soon thereafter, the school district decided to eliminate its discriminatory policy against the wearing of rosary beads.

## ***Free Speech for Pittsburghers***

The ACLJ successfully represented pro-life advocates who were prohibited from distributing pro-life leaflets within the City of Pittsburgh. A U.S. district judge granted a request for an injunction that will prohibit the City of Pittsburgh from enforcing an ordinance that would prohibit free speech by pro-life advocates. A federal judge had earlier granted the ACLJ’s motion for a Temporary Restraining Order in the case, clearing the way for our clients to proceed with leaflet distribution.

## ***Victory Against Discrimination in Texas***

A Christian ministry was trying to purchase a theatre in downtown Post, Texas, but ran into problems with a city zoning ordinance that contained language prohibiting the ministry from using the facility. The ACLJ sent a letter to the city outlining how the ordinance violated the 2000 Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA). Our demand was straightforward: Change the ordinance or face legal action.

We congratulate the city for taking the appropriate action in removing the discriminatory language from their ordinance. “The law was wrong and the wording was wrong,” the City Manager said. “We were compelled legally to make a change to the ordinance.”

## ***Not “Disorderly” to Share Your Faith***

A Georgia man was charged with “disorderly conduct” for distributing religious tracts on a public sidewalk near a transit authority station. Transit officers ordered him to leave the sidewalk and threatened him with arrest if he returned to distribute any literature. He refused; the officers arrested him.

The ACLJ defended him in court, filing a motion to dismiss the charge and arguing that the disorderly conduct law violated the United States Constitution (and Georgia’s constitution). The city of Atlanta agreed, dismissing the criminal charge.





# THE STRICTEST FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

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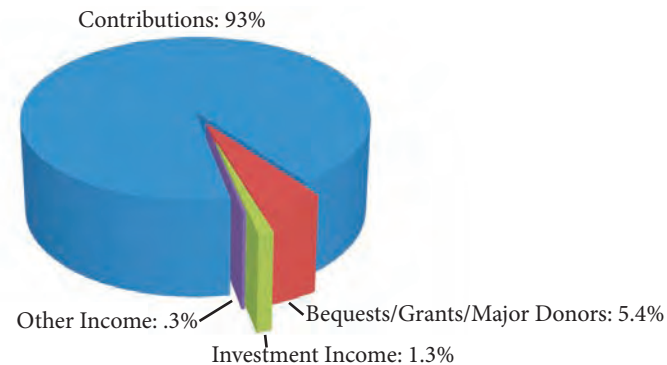


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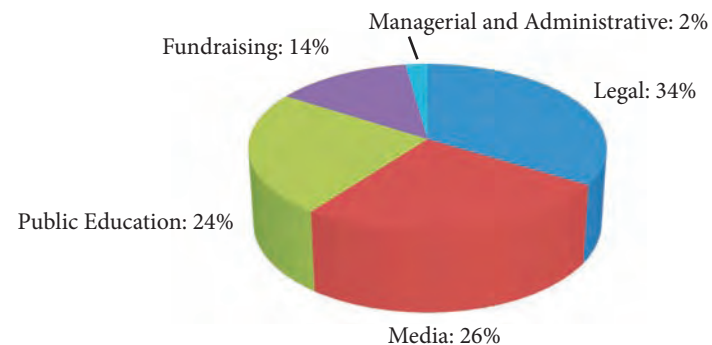
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Donations to the ACLJ can be given with confidence to protect your liberties. The ACLJ strives to use every dollar in the most prudent manner to ensure its maximum impact on preserving religious and constitutional freedoms. We never charge for our 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 84¢ of every dollar donated goes toward protecting your rights and securing your freedoms.

Here you can see a breakdown of the sources of the ACLJ's \$41,738,876 income for 2010:



This is a breakdown of the ACLJ's \$41,510,145 in expenses for 2010:



## WAYS TO GIVE

**The ACLJ depends on the generous support of concerned citizens. A number of support approaches can be of value to you as well as to the ACLJ. For example:**

**Gifts by check or credit card** are generally deductible up to 50% of your adjusted gross income. Checks may be made payable to “ACLJ” and mailed to the ACLJ, P.O. Box 90555, Washington, D.C. 20090-0555.

**Appreciated stock, bonds, and other marketable securities** are usually deductible for their current full market value up to 30% of your adjusted gross income, if held for more than one year. You report no capital gain on donated securities. The ACLJ is usually able to accept restricted shares subject to lock-up periods.

Please contact Sharon Alford at the ACLJ with your name and the type and number of shares at (757) 802-9191 or via [swalford@aclj.org](mailto:swalford@aclj.org).

**IRA Charitable Rollovers and Roth IRA Conversions:** Please check with us about the current status of the law that provides for direct charitable rollovers from IRAs. You may be able to structure a donation to avoid the income tax you would otherwise pay on a Roth conversion.

**Donor Advised Funds:** You may recommend a donation to the “American Center for Law and Justice,” Tax ID #94-3037261, P.O. Box 90555, Washington, D.C. 20090-0555.

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retirement plan, please provide the following information to your financial institution: American Center for Law and Justice, P.O. Box 90555, Washington, D.C. 20090-0555. Tax ID #94-3037261.

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**Bequests:** For sample bequest language, please call to speak with a member of our Planned Giving team at (757) 802-9184.

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**For further information, contact the ACLJ's Planned Giving Department at (757) 802-9184.**

This information is not intended as tax or legal advice. We suggest you consult your legal and financial advisors to learn how a donation would work in your circumstances. Availability of certain life income gifts and other laws and regulations governing gifts may vary by state.



# ENDORSEMENTS

“I appreciate the work of the ACLJ. Jay and I have worked on major legal issues around the globe. We are also training up a generation of lawyers to stand for freedom and liberty.”

—*Hon. John Ashcroft, Attorney General of the United States (2001-2005)*

“Jay, these are critical times for the support of Israel, and our hope is that this gift will be instrumental in defending a pro-Israel agenda before the United Nations and other international bodies.”

—*Joseph R. Gregory, ACLJ Member and Donor*

“I am extremely grateful for the work of the American Center for Law and Justice in our efforts to prevent an Islamic mosque from being built at Ground Zero in New York City. This site is sacred and hallowed ground. I am confident that with the ACLJ and Jay Sekulow, this project will never happen, the mosque will never be built.”

—*Tim Brown, surviving 9/11 first responder*

“Before giving to the ACLJ, I donated to other organizations and felt my efforts were getting nowhere. Then I learned of Jay and his work, and what the organization does, and knew that I would have an effect on the world concerning our Christian rights. I wanted to join forces with the ACLJ to stop the downward slide of the world.”

—*Dr. Mirian Taddei, ACLJ Member and Donor*

“Jay is a true friend of Israel who has fought with us hand-in-hand in some of Israel’s most strategic, international battles. Jay was instrumentally-involved in projects that the President of Israel and the Prime Minister put on our national agenda.”

—*Danny Ayalon, Deputy Foreign Minister, State of Israel*

# HISTORY

## OF THE AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE

Founded in 1990 and directed by Chief Counsel Jay Alan Sekulow, the ACLJ has a superb track record of protecting constitutional freedoms and religious liberties. We are dedicated to the concept that freedom and liberty are universal, God-given, inalienable rights that must be protected.

Standing at the forefront of the battle for constitutional freedoms, and with decades of significant expertise in constitutional law, the ACLJ has “led the way” in Christian legal advocacy, according to the *Chicago Tribune*. *TIME* Magazine has named Chief Counsel Jay Alan Sekulow one of the “25 Most Influential Evangelicals” in America; it has called the ACLJ a “powerful counterweight” to the ACLU. *BusinessWeek*, meanwhile, has called the ACLJ “the leading advocacy group for religious freedom.”

Headquartered across the street from the Supreme Court building and one block from the Capitol, the ACLJ is uniquely positioned to be your voice in Washington. Our Office of Government Affairs is strategically involved on Capitol Hill, helping draft legislation and working closely with your Senators and Representatives in Congress. We also pursue the causes of faith and freedom from our offices in New York City; Strasbourg, France (in conjunction with the European Centre for Law and Justice); Jerusalem; Moscow (in conjunction with the Slavic Centre for Law and Justice); Kenya (in conjunction with the East African Centre for Law and Justice); and Zimbabwe (in conjunction with the African Centre for Law and Justice).

The ACLJ has recently partnered with Handong International Law School in South Korea in a program designed to provide both education and training for their law students in U.S. and international law. In addition, we continue our long-standing work with Regent University School of Law, providing clerkships and externships for many of their students, as well as sponsoring their ongoing study-abroad programs in France, Israel, and England.

# CHIEF COUNSEL

JAY ALAN SEKULOW

Jay Alan Sekulow, Chief Counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, has presented oral arguments before the Supreme Court of the United States 12 times and has won key decisions protecting constitutional freedoms. He is a champion for life and liberty, and a formidable opponent of religious persecution as well as the militant Islamic movement.

Sekulow hosts *Jay Sekulow Live!*, the daily radio broadcast of the ACLJ (on more than 850 stations nationwide), as well as his weekly, nationally-aired television program, *ACLJ This Week*. He is a frequent guest on the FOX News Channel. *The National Law Journal* has twice named Sekulow one of the “100 Most Influential Lawyers” in the United States. He is also a popular speaker and a noted author of numerous publications, law articles, and books.





# KEY INFORMATION & IMPACT

**In a world of instantaneous global communications, the ACLJ has become an increasingly popular and greatly trusted independent media source.**



On *Jay Sekulow Live!*, the daily radio program airing at noon EST 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 the life-and-liberty fronts.

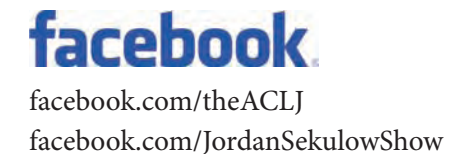
Both programs are available online — the radio program is streamed live, and both television and radio are available in an extensive archive at ACLJ.org. Numerous distinguished U.S. and international guests have appeared on both programs.



In 2011, a new website, ACLJ.org, was launched. Its online strategy is considered one of the most sophisticated uses of technology by a not-for-profit today. In addition to signing petitions and contacting Congress, the site allows people to start their own petition drives through social media and harness their email lists to recruit more people to the causes of life and freedom.



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**All of these social media tools allow you to stay up-to-the-minute on the issues and cases that matter most to you.**



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