

The 2003-2004 Annual Report of the



Seeking Justice with the Love of God

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CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

Vision, Mission Statement, Core Value, & Core Purpose

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Christian Legal Society (CLS), founded in 1961, is the oldest and largest national, non-denominational membership association of Christian attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students, working in association with other friends, to follow Jesus' command "to do justice with the love of God ... never forgetting the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy, and faithfulness," (Luke 11:42; Matthew 23:23).

A Word from our President & our Executive Director and C.E.O.

Grace and peace to you!

Whether the need is proclaiming and practically applying the Gospel about Jesus Christ in the legal marketplace, providing legal aid for the poor, promoting Christ-centered reconciliation of relationships and resolving disputes out of court, defending the religious liberties and the sanctity of human life of all Americans from Congress to the courts, or asserting and maintaining high standards of legal ethics and wise counsel, CLS exists to meet these needs in every state, more than 1100 cities, and 165 law schools where CLS members meet, pray and serve together. Through our partnership with Advocates International (AI), CLS also exists as the North American fellowship of Jesus' disciples in the legal

profession standing for reconciliation, religious liberty, the rule of law, social reform and spiritual revival around the world. As we celebrate our 43rd year of fellowship and service to God and neighbor in this country, we cordially invite you to read this report, tell your friends about CLS, join us in prayer for all those in need, and help us to meet those needs by becoming a partner with us in the support of CLS' ministries.

At CLS we believe that there is so much more good we can do for and with one another than just sitting listening to 'lawyers jokes' while cynically forgetting our Lord's command to all of us 'to do justice with the love of God, never forgetting the weightier matters of law justice, mercy and faithfulness.' Please join us in our Lord's work as we stand "in the gates" of the law seeking to be faithful followers of Jesus doing what we can to proclaim His Supremacy while we model His Whole Gospel though His Whole Church in the Whole World.



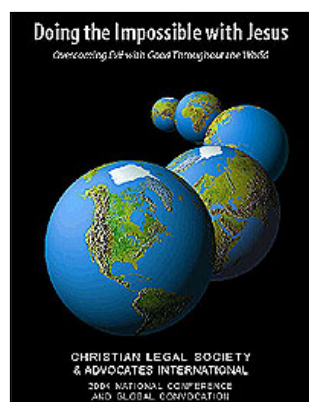
*Wallace L. Larson,
Phoenix, AZ,
CLS President (2002-2004)*



*Samuel B. Casey,
Annandale, Virginia
CLS Executive Director & CEO*

CONFERENCES

In 2003, CLS held one of its most successful national conferences to date in Destin, Florida involving 700+ attendees. In 2004, in addition to a number of CLS regional conferences attended by hundreds of lawyers, law students and their spouses, children, and friends, CLS and its international partner, Advocates International (AI), are jointly co-hosting the CLS National Conference and AI global convocation at the McLean Hilton in McLean, Virginia, October 28 - 31, 2004. The theme of this largest gathering of its kind ever is **Doing the Impossible with Jesus: Overcoming Evil with Good through the World.** Join more than 1000 fellow attorneys, law students, professors, spouses and friends from more than 100 countries for a thoughtful and spiritually encouraging weekend in McLean, Virginia, at the Hilton McLean, just minutes outside of Washington, D.C. **For further conference information, please go to CLS' website at www.clsnet.org.**



CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

2003-2004 Ministry Highlights

As more fully explained in the accompanying full report, CLS made the following progress in each its ministries in 2003-2004. Some of the highlights and third-party endorsements for each ministry include:



LEGALLY ASSISTING THE POOR AND NEEDY THROUGH LEGAL AID MINISTRIES

In addition to handling 250 legal referral contacts per week, CLS' Legal Aid Ministries has accomplished the following milestones in its national Legal Aid Ministries Program (*LAMP*) that, through cooperating faith-based social service providers, provides legal aid, a presentation of the gospel and training in biblically-based reconciliation of conflict to the truly poor and needy in this country:

- Added six (6) projects to the **LAMP** network involving 15 staff and 200 legal volunteers.
- Distributed **LAMP** resources and training materials to more than 800 **LAMP** volunteers serving in 40 CLS-sponsored programs in 25 states and 36 cities where an estimated 5800 individuals and families receive a total of more than 28,000 hours of free legal help annually with a value of more than \$4.2 million dollars in voluntary legal services.
- Celebrated the 30th anniversary of organized Christian legal aid in this country by honoring Chuck Hogren, the founding attorney of the Cabrini-Green Legal Clinic in Chicago
- Conducted the 6th Annual **LAMP** National Recruitment and Training Conference on October 29-November 1, 2003, attended by 16 **LAMP** directors and over 35 attorneys and law students from over 25 cities, after which many participants expressed a interest in participating in the **LAMP** projects to be started in 10 new cities within the next year.
- Through its "*Dedicated Partners Fund*" received in gifts and pledges \$192,000 of the \$340,000 needed to hire the national staff required within the next five years to increase **LAMP** projects from 40 to 150, the number of trained lawyer and law student volunteers from 800 to 2000, and the number of free, volunteered legal service hours annually provided from 28,000 to over 100,000.



"[We are] excited about working with the Christian Legal Society...I believe that working together we have a unique opportunity to share God's love, and to serve some of the most needy people in our nation."

Executive Director Steve Burger
Assoc. of Gospel Rescue Missions



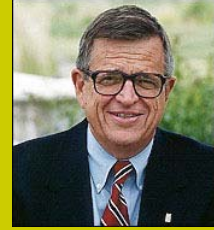
"The Christian Legal Aid program in Jacksonville, Florida has transformed our local CLS chapter. No longer do we give lip service to God's command to do justice to the afflicted and destitute

Rose Marie Preddy
President, CLS of Jacksonville

CENTER FOR LAW & RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Thanks to CLRF's efforts in the courts, the Congress and our state legislatures, here are just some of the results being achieved and initiatives planned with your prayers and support:

- Advance and defend the right of religious organizations to maintain their religious identity through employee hiring (e.g., faith-based social service providers) and leadership choices (e.g., Christian student campus chapters).
- Seeking to end religious discrimination in student aid programs and tax-exempt revenue bond financings for facilities construction at Christian colleges and universities
- Defending the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance before the United States Supreme Court in the Newdow case
- Securing equal governmental treatment of religious speech, especially for Child Evangelism Fellowship on public elementary school campuses especially regarding equal "publicity privileges."
- Enactment of the Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2004 and the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003
- Protecting the rights of health care providers to refuse to provide medical or research services that violate their conscience.
- Protecting pregnancy resource centers against unwarranted legal attacks by the abortion industry.
- Working for a comprehensive ban on human cloning and the patenting of human organisms



CLS' Center for Law and Religious Freedom is one of our countries most preeminent defenders of liberty from Congress to the courts.

Chuck Colson
Prison Fellowship
Ministries



CLS' expert legal help, volunteer network, and determined advocacy for life from conception to medical death is making a unique and invaluable contribution to the pro-life movement

Cathy Cleaver Ruse
U.S. Conference of
Catholic Bishops



ENCOURAGING STUDENTS & PROFESSORS

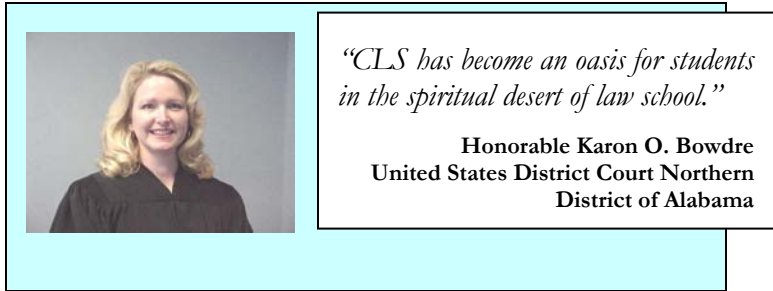
TO DO JUSTICE WITH THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH

***LAW STUDENT MINISTRIES & THE
INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN LEGAL STUDIES***

CLS is committed to supporting and encouraging law students and their professors to be truly faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Although the challenges are daunting, there is much good

news to report:

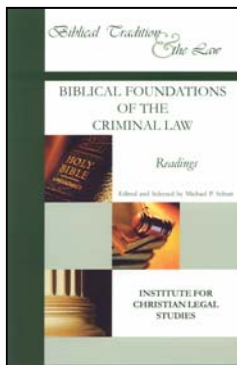
- Student membership in CLS has increased from 240 in 1996 to over 800 in 2003, while the number of non-member students attending LSM activities has grown to over 1800.



- The LSM staff now supports Christian law fellowships at more than 165 law schools, over twice as many as CLS supported in the fall of 1996.
- Student membership in CLS has increased from 240 in 1996 to over 800 in 2003, while the number of non-member students attending weekly on-campus LSM activities has grown to over 1800.
- LSM mailed out 200 "Law School Kick-Off Packages" to student law fellowships, undergraduate fellowship groups, and friends of LSM throughout the nation; these packages included a recently revised student chapter manual, copies of essential Bible study and small group discussion materials, LSM posters, and samples of LSM merchandise.
- The October 2003 National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC), held in Destin, FL, was attended by 155 law students, and 15 spouses, representing 40 law schools, highlighted by the address of Judge Michael McConnell of the 10th United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

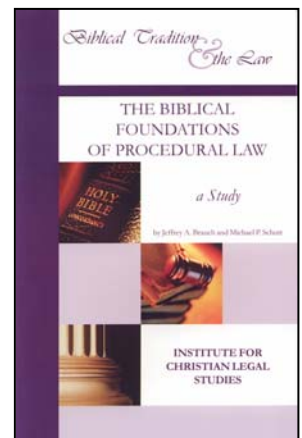


- CLS' Institute for Christian Legal Studies (ICLS), under the leadership of Professor Michael Schutt, held its 2nd Annual Christian Scholars Symposium in conjunction with the NSLC, attended by 30 law professors from 25 law schools to discuss the natural law tradition in Christian thought as presented by Professor Russell Hittinger in his book, *The First Grace; Rediscovering the Natural Law in a Post-Modern World*



• ICLS has published the second volume in the "Biblical Tradition and the Law Study Series." The latest volume is a 115-page study on the "Biblical Foundations of Procedural Law." Additional volumes will be published in late 2004.

- In 2003, LSM announced an expansion of its ministry to undergraduate students in Christian universities with pre-law clubs or academic majors across the country. Evangel University, Missouri Baptist University, Oral Roberts University, and LeTourneau University are among the "charter" chapters. The goal of this expansion is to take the LSM three-fold ministry to the pre-law level, encouraging students in spiritual formation, integration of faith and learning, and compassionate outreach to the poor and needy.



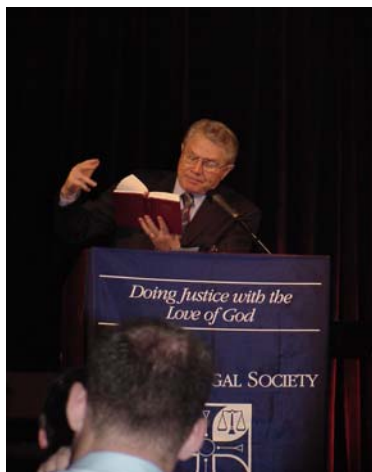
Encouraging One Another in Love and Good Works through **Membership Ministries**

CLS remains the largest national network of Christian lawyers in the world. Indeed, we depend on the growing strength and solidarity of our voluntary network in every state and 1500 cities and towns to spiritually encourage one another in the love and good work Jesus commands. To spiritually strengthen this network, CLS supports affiliated chapters and reaches out to existing law fellowships providing *The CLS On-line Directory*, the CLS web site (www.clsnet.org), an audio magazine (*The Christian Lawyer Digest*), the *Christian Lawyer* newsletter, the *CLS Intercessor Prayer Ministry*, the *CLS Defender* and *Lawgiver* bulletins, professional sections (e.g. Christian Estate and Gift Counsel), national and regional conferences, and the CLS Chaplaincy and Marketplace Ministries Program providing 24 hour, 7 day per week pastoral counseling and spiritual formation services to CLS members using CLS' "Choose the Life" discipleship model..

The 2003 CLS National Conference was one of great encouragement and fellowship. We were especially enriched by the speakers' dedication to Christ and ministry in law. They encouraged us to use our law practice as an instrument of ministry

**Bill and Karen Watt
Mobile, Alabama**

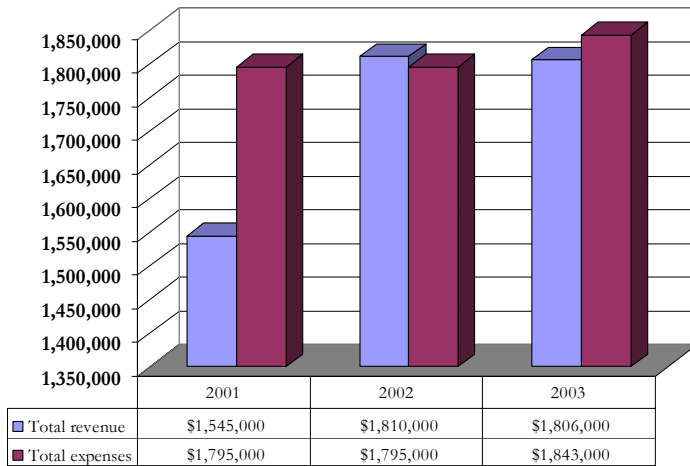
*[pictured here
with CLS' Senior Chaplain Glandion Carney
and his wife Mariam]*



“And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God....”

~Micah 6:8~

2003 Financial Highlights



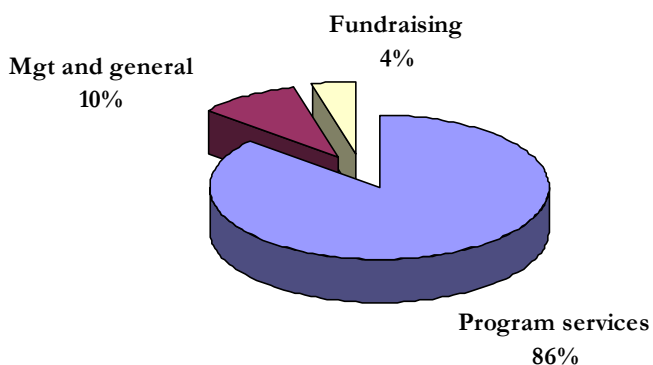
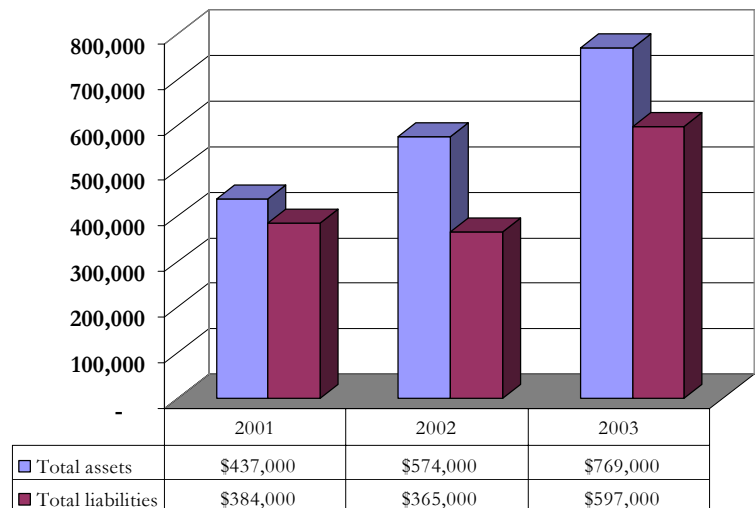
Revenue & Expenses

In 2003, including \$374,499 in contributions in-kind, CLS had about \$1.8 million in unrestricted revenue, and a little more than \$1.8 million in expenses. In addition to its unrestricted revenues, as shown in its audited financial statements, CLS booked temporarily restricted revenues of \$374,777. To see a 10-year analysis of CLS' financial history, including its temporarily restricted revenues and contributions in-kind as

reported in its audited financial statements, please go to the *Finances* section beginning at page 32.

Assets & Liabilities

CLS has nearly \$769,000 in assets and \$597,000 in liabilities.



Use of Funds

CLS spent 86% of its total revenue on its programs and services in 2003.

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WHAT CLS DOES

General Description

The organization's formal name is Christian Legal Society. Throughout this Annual Report, the name CLS is used, the shorthand reference by which the organization is commonly known.

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- Helping attorneys grow in Christian faith while equipping them for service in the legal marketplace through its Membership Ministries (*MM*)
- Protecting and advancing the inalienable rights of religious freedom and human life through its Center for Law and Religious Freedom (*CLRF*)
- Reaching out to the more than 120,000 law students in America through its Law Student Ministries (*LSM*)
- Promoting equal access to justice for the truly poor and needy through legal aid and advocacy through its Legal Aid Ministries Program (*LAMP*)
- Advocating and promoting biblical conflict reconciliation as a "Partner in Peacemaking" in cooperation with [Peacemaker Ministries](#)

CLS acts through its Board of Directors; 25-person national staff; more than 3,000 current attorney and law student members located in all 50 states and more than 1,100 cities; organized in various fellowships and affiliated attorney and law student chapters; and other volunteers and friends. CLS also reaches out and seeks to serve a Christian fellowship of

more than 12,000 attorneys throughout America and 4,000 law students on more than 165 law-school campuses who may not be current CLS members but have signed *CLS' Statement of Faith*. CLS also supports associate members who are not lawyers or law students who are interested in CLS' work.

The Christian Legal Society was organized in 1961 under the laws of the State of Illinois as a nonprofit corporation, exempt from taxation under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, with its principal place of business in Annandale, Virginia (a suburb of Washington D.C.). CLS exists to serve others by pursuing justice with the love of Jesus Christ, by helping the poor, by defending life and religious liberty, and by transforming the legal profession for good one heart and mind at a time.

Guiding Principles

In addition to its *Vision*, *Mission Statement*, *Core Value*, and *Core Purpose*, CLS is guided by its *Organizational Objectives*, the *CLS Statement of Faith*, the *Peacemaker Pledge*, *A Cross for the Workplace*, and the explanation of what the CLS name means.

CLS has nine organizational objectives that inspired its founding and still guide it today. These objectives are as follows:



Organizational Objectives

- To proclaim Jesus as Lord through all that we do in the field of law and other disciplines.
- To provide a means of society, fellowship and nurture among Christian lawyers.
- To encourage Christian lawyers to view law as ministry.
- To clarify and promote the concept of the Christian lawyer and to help Christian lawyers integrate their faith with their professional lives.
- To mobilize, at the national and local levels, the resources needed to promote justice, religious liberty, the sanctity of human life, and biblical conflict reconciliation.
- To encourage, disciple, and aid Christian students in preparing for the legal profession.
- To provide a forum for the discussion of problems and opportunities relating to Christianity and the law.
- To cooperate with bar associations and other organizations in asserting and maintaining high standards of legal ethics.
- To encourage lawyers to furnish legal services to the poor and needy and grant special consideration to the legal needs of churches and other charitable organizations.



CLS Statement of Faith

All officers, directors, senior staff, attorneys, and law student and associate members of CLS, as a condition of their employment or membership in CLS, acknowledge in writing their

acceptance of, and agreement with, the following CLS Statement of Faith:

“Trusting in Jesus Christ as my Savior, I believe in

- One God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
- The Deity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; His vicarious death for our sins through which we receive eternal life; His bodily resurrection and personal return.
- The presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the work of regeneration and;
- The Bible as the inspired Word of God.”



The Peacemaker Pledge

CLS is committed to resolving legal issues and restoring human relationships pursuant to the teachings applicable to conflict resolution set forth in Holy Scripture. On May 6, 1996, upon the invitation by the Institute of Christian Conciliation (now a division of *Peacemaker Ministries*), CLS adopted the *PEACEMAKER PLEDGE* as a reaffirmation of CLS' historic commitment to biblical conflict resolution. Each member of the CLS staff and Board of Directors takes this pledge as a condition of his or her CLS service. To read a copy of this pledge, please visit the printed materials section of CLS' online Information Center at <http://www.clsinfo.org>.



A Cross for the Workplace

At CLS, both the lapel pin and the membership certificate display the logo of the cross, which symbolically represents the appreciation, esteem, and love that Jesus Christ has for each lawyer, law student, or associate member who is seeking to be one of His followers. All CLS members are encouraged to display their membership certificate and wear the Cross in the workplace.

1. The Cross is the focus of the logo - it is much larger than the scales of justice, which depend for their support and balance upon the vertical and horizontal cross-members of the Cross. Therefore, God in Christ, not law, is the ultimate focus of attention for the Christian lawyer.
2. The vertical cross member stands for our relationship with God ("*Love God with all your Heart, with all your soul and with all your strength.*" *Deut.6: 4*).
3. The horizontal cross-member stands for our right relationship with one another - even our enemies ("*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" *Lev. 19:18*).
4. Christ reiterated or affirmed this teaching three times during his earthly ministry (*Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:7; Luke 10: 27; Matthew 22:37; Mark 12:28-34*). Of special interest is that our Lord summed up or affirmed the Divine Law in those two statements, "*Love the Lord...Love your neighbor,*" or paraphrased the "law and the prophets" into the so-called Golden Rule ("do unto others as they would do unto you") in three conversations with lawyers. He did not mention it to the fisherman, or to tax collectors; he did not repeat it to anyone else, but lawyers!
5. The scales of justice are not only a symbol of the temporal law each lawyer is sworn to uphold and protect. The justice scale is also a reminder of the personal righteousness and social justice

that the Divine Law of God demands - the very law which Jesus told the lawyers of His day they were failing to follow, while also forgetting mercy, humble faithfulness, and submission to the transcendent authority of God (*Micah 6:8; Luke 11:42; Matt. 23:23*). Ironically, it was because of this accusation by Jesus against them that the lawyers of Jesus' day began to "cross-examine" Jesus, as they plotted to kill Him on the Cross, ultimately using every form of injustice imaginable (*Luke 11:53-54*).

6. The blood red color behind the scales of justice (on the CLS lapel pin) reminds us that Jesus not only paid the price for personal righteousness and social justice with his shed blood on the Cross, but that He Himself now is the "just" and the "justifier" (*Romans 3:21-31*). It is Jesus, now ever-present with us through His Holy Spirit, that provides the grace and truth that fulfills the Divine Law given by Moses (*John 1:16-17*). Jesus is the Justice and Righteousness of God. No longer is our understanding of Justice limited to the strict observance of rule on penalty of state or divine sanction. Now justice in the Body and Blood of Christ becomes the standard of life itself - the motivations of the heart, the pursuit of the character of God, the dedication to His Truth. For this cause, we must be now be willing to die to self to obtain Christ - "*Greater love has no man than this, that one lays down his life for his friends,*" (*John 15:13*). This is the ideal standard for the attorney-client relationship - the standard Jesus imposed on himself for his friends - us (*John 17*).
7. Each of the eight points on the CLS cross denote one of the eight ethical aspirations of the CLS attorney: to live in truth; have faith in Christ; repent of sin; give proof of humility; love justice; be merciful; be sincere and whole-hearted; and endure suffering for Christ.

CLS encourages each of its members to pursue these virtues in their daily practice of law. We pray that every CLS member will be a friend and will display their CLS membership certificate on their office wall and humbly wear their CLS lapel pin to work daily as a symbol of his or her own submission to the Great Lawgiver who holds us all accountable for everything we do, say and think each day. By choosing to do so, we pray that CLS members will be able to find one another as each rededicates his or her work to the glory of God, the love of Christ, and the true service of others.





What the CLS Name Means

RELIGION is defined by Webster's to be "the service or worship of God or the supernatural...a cause, principle, or system held to with ardor and faith." **LAW** is defined as "a binding custom or practice of a community; a rule or action prescribed or formally recognized as binding or enforced by a controlling authority." In our lives we try to cope with the most vital questions of security, meaning, and the order of our lives together through these two dominant modes: **RELIGION & LAW**.

Our name, **CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY**, far from being an oxymoron as some claim, correctly suggests that CLS seeks to integrate both modes of coping with life in its vision, mission, and organizational activities. At the same time, we must acknowledge the risk today of being easily misunderstood in our ever more diverse and pluralistic marketplace of ideas.

Here are the options, as we consider what people today may think CLS' name means and what it really means to CLS.

OPTIONAL INTERPRETATIONS	"CHRISTIAN"	"LEGAL"	"SOCIETY"
OPTION "A" What the media and popular culture often think:	"hypocritical"/ "right wing"	"fundamentalist"/ "self-righteous"	"special interest group"/ "political action committee"
OPTION "B" What the legal academy thinks:	"religious" (comparatively speaking)	law	study group
OPTION "C" What CLS actually seeks to be and do:	A Christ-following	justice-seeking	committed band of loving friends.

At CLS, we have chosen **"Option C"** as the best and most appropriate definition of our name and core value. Based upon this identity and core value, CLS' defining or core purpose is

"Transforming the legal profession for good one heart and mind at a time by enlisting lawyers and law students everywhere to faithfully serve Jesus Christ in the diligent study and ethical practice of law ministering to the poor, reconciling people in conflict, defending life and protecting the religious liberties of all people."

To read more about what the CLS stands for, please visit CLS' website at www.clsnet.org and click **"About CLS"** and then click *"Overview."*

Programs & Services

CLS accomplishes its mission, core purpose, and corporate objectives through its four unincorporated ministry divisions: The Center for Law and Religious Freedom (**CLRF**), Membership Ministries (**MM**), Public Ministries (**PM**), and Law Student Ministries (**LSM**).

Descriptions of these ministries are listed below.



THE CENTER FOR LAW AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM (**CLRF**)

Through litigation, legislative advocacy, Friend of the Court briefs, and public education, CLS' Center for Law and Religious Freedom works to protect the religious liberties of all Americans and the right to life for all human beings from conception to natural death.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRIES (**MM**)

For its members, CLS provides spiritual formation and discipleship, chaplaincy, legal referral, conferences, administration, development services, and a broad range of other membership benefits like health insurance, continuing legal education, and discounts on various products and services.

CLS membership is open to all Christian attorneys, judges, law professors, law students, retired legal professionals, paralegals, legal secretaries, and anyone who is interested in joining and supporting CLS' mission and work. CLS membership is divided into different classifications, with regular members entitled to vote for the Board of Directors. To be a regular member of CLS, you must be a law school graduate or a member of the Bar.



LAW STUDENT MINISTRIES (**LSM**)

CLS' Law Student Ministries and its affiliated Institute for Christian Legal Studies (**ICLS**) constitute CLS' national ministry to reach both the students and professors on the nation's law school campuses for Christ. **LSM** is mentoring the next generation of lawyers for Christ by supporting Christian law fellowships or student chapters at over 160 law schools and at a handful of strategic Christian colleges. ICLS is in communication with over 300 law professors across the country, who annually gather for ICLS' Christian Legal Scholars Symposium in October and for the Law Professors' Christian Law Fellowship meeting in January.

In ministering to students contemplating careers in the law, LSM seeks to achieve two fundamental goals:

- To establish vibrant CLS-affiliated student chapters at every law school in the nation and at prominent Christian colleges.
- To nurture CLS student chapters by providing mentors and resources aimed at fostering spiritual growth, compassionate outreach in service to others, and the integration of Christian faith and practice with the profession of law.



LEGAL AID MINISTRIES PROGRAM (*LAMP*)

CLS' Public Ministries include the legal aid and Christian conciliation (*LAMP*) programs that provide advice and limited assistance for many of the legal and spiritual needs of the poor, in cooperation with Christian churches and faith-based social service providers.

CLS encourages and trains Christian volunteer lawyers and other legal professionals to provide basic legal and spiritual counseling, to suggest Biblical conflict resolution, and to organize and conduct quality local legal aid programs. They address family conflict problems, the wrongful denial of jobs, housing, immigration, medical or other benefits, and certain minor criminal problems.

Recent Accomplishments



CLS' recent accomplishments are listed below by ministry:

THE CENTER FOR LAW AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Many of the legal briefs can be found on its website at www.clsnet.org.

LITIGATION

CEF V. STAFFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

In a lawsuit against a New Jersey school district, the Center won equal treatment for a Child Evangelism Fellowship Bible club whose flyers were censored by the District.



GEORGIA AGAPE V. GEORGIA DHR

The Center helped defend various Georgia foster care agencies who were being threatened with a cut-off of their funding for exercising their constitutionally protected right to staff on a religious basis.

PEDREIRA V. KENTUCKY BAPTIST HOMES FOR CHILDREN

The Center helped defend a Kentucky children's home that was sued for its receipt of funds from the state and for exercising its' constitutionally protected right to staff on a religious basis.

CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY V. ACLU

In this case now pending before the California Supreme Court, the Center is seeking to secure fair access to tax-exempt bonding financing and other forms of aid for all Christ-centered schools.

IN RE SPITZER

The Center successfully defended seven pregnancy resource centers in New York from a politically-motivated investigation by the New York Attorney General.

SACRAMENTO CATHOLIC CHARITIES V. DAVIS

In this case now pending before the United States Supreme Court, CLS is seeking to protect the free exercise of the right of conscience by health care providers and insurers

CMDA V. UNIV. OF N. DAKOTA & DISCIPLEMAKERS V. PENN STATE UNIV.

The Center successfully concluded litigation in both cases to end religious discrimination against on-campus Christian student clubs.

CEF V. MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Center obtained an injunction against a Maryland school district requiring equal treatment for a Child Evangelism Fellowship Bible club whose flyers were censored by the District.

CEF V. PENNS GROVE-CARNEYS POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Center obtained an injunction against a New Jersey school district that insisted on censoring CEF Good News Club meetings and flyers.



LEGISLATION

CLS' Legislative activities are fully described on its website at WWW.CLSNET.ORG.

HUMAN CLONING

The Center supported legislation that would ban the cloning of human beings for any purpose. State laws were successfully enacted in Iowa and North Dakota. A comprehensive federal ban has been passed by the House of Representatives and is pending in the U.S. Senate.

FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE

The Center worked to support equal access to federal funding for religious social services providers.

HEALTH CARE RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE

Center attorneys are supporting enactment of the federal Abortion Non-Discrimination Act, while working in the states for comprehensive health care right of conscience legislation.

WORKPLACE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT

The Center endorsed legislation requiring accommodation of employees' religious practices.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

The Center successfully worked to support the confirmation of Prof. Michael McConnell who received opposition in the Senate for his views on religious liberty and abortion.

CHARITABLE CHOICE REGULATIONS

Center submitted comments to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding proposed "charitable choice" regulations. The rules are designed to allow faith-based organizations to receive funding through government programs without sacrificing their religious character.

BAN OF PATENTING OF HUMAN BEINGS

The Center successfully supported a congressional ban on the patenting of human organisms.

PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN

The Center successfully supported a congressional ban on partial birth abortion organisms

VIOLENCE AGAINST UNBORN CHILDREN

The Center successfully supported the enactment of a federal criminal statute penalizing harm to the unborn child without the consent of the mother.

FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

CLS announced its support for the Federal Marriage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to permanently protect marriage as a civil union between one man and one woman and barring the judiciary from holding otherwise.

“FRIEND OF THE COURT” BRIEFS



CLS’ “Friend of the Court” activities are fully described on its website at www.clsnet.org

The Center filed a “friend of the court” brief in nine cases during 2002-2003:

DONOVAN V. PUNXSUTAWNEY AREA SCHOOL BOARD (3RD CIR.)

Supported a student Bible club’s right to meet during the school’s “Activities Period.”

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SACRAMENTO V. STATE OF CALIFORNIA (CAL. SUP. CT.)

Argued for religious exemptions from a 1999 law that requires employers to cover contraceptives and abortifacients in health care plans.

KONG V. SCULLY (9TH CIR.)

Lawsuit supporting Medicare/Medicaid coverage of nursing services received at religious health care institutions.

BARROW V. GREENVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (5TH CIR.)

Challenged a school district’s policy requiring school employees to send their children to public school.

NEWDOW V. U.S. CONGRESS (USSC.)

Opposed challenge to the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance in the United States Supreme Court is pending.

OREGON V. ASHCROFT (9TH CIR.)

Supported Attorney General Ashcroft's directive that physicians who prescribe narcotics for suicides will lose their federal controlled substances license.

RUSK V. CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS (6TH CIR.)

Supported a public school district's policy allowing distribution of flyers informing parents of a religious group’s activities.

STAFF ATTORNEYS

CLS’ CENTER FOR LAW AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

- GREGORY S. BAYLOR, Director, Center for Law & Religious Freedom
- STEVEN ADEN, Chief Litigation Counsel
- CASEY MATTOX, Litigation Counsel
- KIMBERLEE W. COLBY, Senior Counsel
- TIMOTHY TRACEY, Staff Counsel
- JAMES A. DAVIDS, Legislative Counsel
- SAMUEL B. CASEY, Special Counsel.

FALWELL V. MILLER (W.D. VA.)

Fought Virginia law placing unconstitutional restrictions on churches and religious organizations.

FLEMING V. JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (10TH CIR.)

Opposed exclusion of religious material from a tile-painting project open to families of the shooting victims at Columbine High School.

UDV V. ASHCROFT

The Center filed an amicus brief arguing that a religious sect's sacramental use of a federally-controlled substance is protected by

the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).



PRE-LITIGATION

Following is a summary of the Center's pre-litigation activities:

*CHRISTIAN FAMILY CARE
AGENCY/ ARIZONA*

The Center convinced the State of Arizona to renew its contract with a Christian foster care and adoption agency in Phoenix.

*CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP/ FAIRFAX
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS*

The Center helped a CEF Bible club gain equal access and negotiated nearly ideal policies in one of the country's largest and most respected school districts.

*LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR PREGNANCY
RESOURCE CENTERS*

With the assistance of CLS member attorneys in various states, the Center has provided legal counsel to coalitions of pregnancy resource centers in national accrediting PRC organizations.

*CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP
CHAPTERS*

The Center worked with chapters around the country who were denied the right to meet, distribute flyers, or participate in open houses and other events.

*SILOAM FAMILY HEALTH CENTER/ STATE
OF TENNESSEE*

The Center worked with a Christian medical charity that had been denied the opportunity to compete for state contracts to serve refugees because of its religious character.

*MERCY SHIPS AND COMPASSION
INTERNATIONAL/ COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS*

The Center convinced the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to stop discriminating against Mercy Ships and Compassion International with respect to access to the state employee charitable campaign.

*MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP/ STATE OF
CONNECTICUT*

The Center convinced the State of Connecticut to stop discriminating against Mission Aviation Fellowship with respect to access to the state employee charitable campaign.

*ANNAPOLIS AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL/
MARYLAND HEALTH AND HIGHER
EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY*

The Center helped a Christian school gain access to a tax-exempt bond financing program offered by the state of Maryland.

CLS' recent accomplishments in its legal aid and law student ministries include the following:



LEGAL AID MINISTRIES

In addition to handling more than 250 legal referral contacts per week, CLS' Legal Aid Ministries has accomplished the following milestones in its national Christian Legal Aid Program. Through cooperation with faith-based social service providers (such as the Salvation Army and the International Union of Gospel Mission Members), CLS' Legal Aid Ministries volunteers have provided legal aid; a presentation of the gospel; and training in biblically based reconciliation of conflict outside of court to the truly poor and needy in the U.S. For more detailed information on **LEGAL AID MINISTRIES PROGRAM (LAMP)**, including a directory of project sites, project endorsement, and a narrative description of its services, please visit the Printed Materials section of CLS' Information Center, located at www.clsinfo.org.

Following is a summary listing of CLS' Legal Aid Ministries' accomplishments:

- Distributed Legal Aid Ministries Program resources and training materials to more than 450 Legal Aid Ministries Program volunteers serving in 40 CLS sponsored programs in 25 states and 36 cities where an estimated 5,800 individuals and families receive help annually.
- 800 persons or organizations are now on the Legal Aid Ministries Program mailing list.
- Conducted the 6th Annual Legal Aid Ministries Program National Recruitment and Training Conference on October 29 - November 1, 2001, in Destin, FL, for 16 Legal Aid Ministries Program leaders and over 35 attorneys and law students from over 25 cities, after which many participants expressed an interest in participating in the Legal Aid Ministries Program projects that **CLS** seeks to start in 10 new cities within the next year.

- A Legal Aid Ministries Program Leadership Council has also been formed, composed of program directors from around the country, to guide the implementation of CLS' strategic plan to increase local Christian Legal Aid Program projects from 35 to 150, the number of trained lawyer and law student volunteers from 800 to 2,000, and the number of free volunteered legal service hours annually provided to over 100,000 by December 31, 2008.



Geographic Scope

CLS has members located in all 50 states, and more than 25 foreign nations.

In addition, its Law School Ministries division has chapters or law fellowships on 165 different law-school campuses throughout the U.S. A listing of these campuses is found at CLS' website at www.clsnet.org

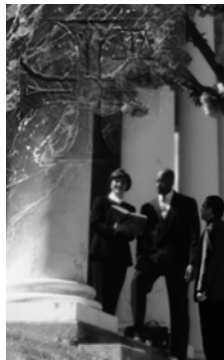
Its Legal Aid Ministries currently sponsors more than 40 Christian legal aid projects, in 25 states and 36 cities for an estimated 5,800 individuals and families that annually receive in the aggregate more than 28,000 hours of free legal aid, spiritual help, and Christian conciliation services. A complete description of CLS' Legal Aid Ministries Program, including a listing of its Legal Aid Ministries Projects, its Strategic Plan, and its Special Funding Needs are included in the Printed Materials section at www.clsinfo.org.



LAW STUDENT MINISTRIES

CLS is committed to supporting and encouraging students to be truly faithful followers of Jesus Christ. CLS Law Student Ministries' accomplishments for 2003 are the following:

- Student membership in CLS has increased from 240 in 1996 to over 800 in 2003, while the number of non-member students attending LSM activities has grown to over 1800.
- The LSM staff now supports Christian law fellowships at more than 165 law schools, over twice as many as CLS supported in the fall of 1996.
- Student membership in CLS has increased from 240 in 1996 to over 800 in 2003, while the number of non-member students attending weekly on-campus LSM activities has grown to over 1800.
- LSM mailed out 200 "Law School Kick-Off Packages" to student law fellowships, undergraduate fellowship groups, and friends of LSM throughout the nation; these packages included a recently revised student chapter manual, copies of essential Bible study and small group discussion materials, LSM posters, and samples of LSM merchandise.
- The October 2003 National Student Leadership Conference (*NSLC*), held in Destin, FL, was attended by 155 law students, and 15 spouses, representing 40 law schools, highlighted by the address of Judge Michael McConnell of the 10th United States Circuit Court of Appeals.
- CLS' Institute for Christian Legal Studies (*ICLS*), under the leadership of Professor Michael Schutt, held its 2nd Annual Christian Scholars Symposium in conjunction with the *NSLC*, attended by 30 law professors representing 25 law schools to discuss the natural law tradition in Christian thought as presented by Professor Russell Hittinger in his book, *The First Grace; Rediscovering the Natural Law in a Post-Modern World*
- *ICLS* has published the second volume in the "Biblical Tradition and the Law Study Series." The latest volume is a 115-page study on the "Biblical Foundations of Procedural Law." Additional volumes will be published in 2004.
- In 2003, *LSM* announced an expansion of its ministry to undergraduate students in Christian universities with pre-law clubs or academic majors across the country. Evangel University, Missouri Baptist University, Oral Roberts University, and LeTourneau University are among the "charter" chapters. The goal of this expansion is to take the *LSM* three-fold ministry to the pre-law level, encouraging students in spiritual formation, integration of faith and learning, and compassionate outreach to the poor and needy.



Outcome Measurements

While not all of *CLS'* success can be quantified numerically, the statistical criteria by which *CLS* measures its success include the following (success is measured differently by each *CLS* Division):



The Center for Law and Religious Freedom (*CLRF*)

- Number of information requests received and answered
- Number of friend-of-the-court briefs filed
- Number of legal actions commenced
- Number of legal actions favorably settled
- Number of legal actions favorably adjudicated
- Number of hits on *CLRF* web pages.

Membership Ministries (*MM*)



- Number of members
- Number of non-members served
- Number of affiliated attorney chapters
- Number of attorney chapters and states represented at the national conference
- Number of attorney chapters and states represented at the regional conference
- Number of publications output and website usage
- Number of attorneys donating
- Number of attorneys mentoring other attorneys or law students
- Number of hits on *MM* web pages.



Public Ministries (*PM*)

- Number of legal referrals requested and made
- Number of attorneys trained to do Christian legal aid
- Number of attorneys volunteering to do Christian legal aid
- Number of Legal Aid Ministries Projects
- Number of hours voluntarily donated by attorneys and law students through Legal Aid Ministries Projects
- Number of clients served by Legal Aid Ministries Projects
- Number of hits on *PM* web pages.



Law Student Ministries (*LSM*)

- Number of chapters served
- Number of law student members
- Number of law students attending chapter events and meetings
- Number of law professors and law schools represented at Institute for CLS' Annual Christian Scholars Symposium
- Number of law school orientation packages mailed
- Number of hits on *LSM* web pages.

SUCCESS STORIES

In addition to the legal victories and ministry accomplishments listed for each of its ministry divisions above, **CLS** lists the following “success stories” to illustrate the value of its ministries:

- Through **CLRF**, **CLS** has consistently defended and protected religious liberty for more than 29 years, directly resulting in more people having heard the Gospel, and some – including many children and teenagers – have believed in Christ.
- Through **CLRF**, **CLS** has established itself as a competent voice for the moral use of biotechnology that acknowledges the humanity of the human embryo. As a direct or indirect result, frozen human embryos have been adopted, thawed, and born to adoptive parents who love them.
- Through **CLRF**, in cooperation with others, **CLS** has expanded the availability of affordable legal assistance to the more than 1000 Pregnancy Resource Centers throughout the USA. As a direct or indirect result, pregnant Moms have been assisted.
- Through **CLRF**, **CLS** is working to do its part in the advancing a Culture of Life in America. (<http://www.christianity.com/cultureoflife>)
- Through **CLS** Legal Aid Ministries Program both lawyers and their poor and needy clients are becoming Christians or renewing their faith in Jesus while persons of limited means receive free legal aid and faith-based social service agencies are able to do so much more for their clients.
- Through CLS’ Law Student Ministries and its Institute for Christian Legal Studies, hundreds of law students, law professors, pre-law advisors and undergraduate students are being taught a truly Christian jurisprudence while at the same time being encouraged in their faith, mentored in the ethical and compassionate practice of law, and shown how to best integrate their Christian understanding with the study and practice of law.
- Through CLS’ Chaplaincy and Market Place Ministries (**MPM**) Programs, lawyers are being given an opportunity to learn and put into practice what it means to be a student of Jesus in the day-to-day practice of law.



Conferences

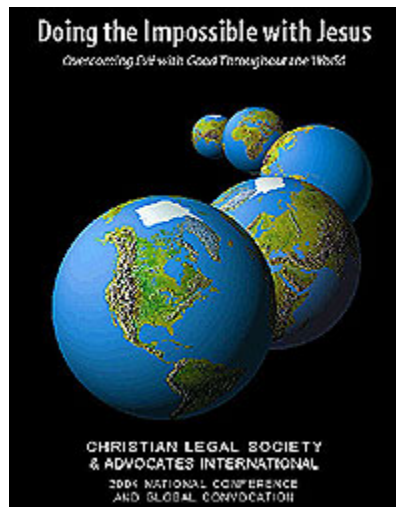
This year *CLS* is holding a National Conference and a number of regional conferences attended by hundreds of lawyers, law students and their spouses, children, and friends. This year's National Conference will be held at the McLean Hilton Hotel in McLean, Virginia, October 28 – 31, 2004. The theme of the conference is “**Doing the Impossible With Jesus: *Overcoming Evil With Good Throughout the World.***” For further information, please go to *CLS* website at www.clsnet.org.

[2004 Christian Legal Society](#)

[National Conference & International Convocation](#)

October 28 - 31, 2004

[McLean Hilton Hotel, McLean, Virginia](#)



DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE WITH JESUS:

OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Keynote Speakers

Thursday Evening - Sam Ericsson, Advocates International
Friday Morning - Lord David Alton, Jubilee Campaign
Friday Evening - Joni Eareckson Tada, Joni & Friends
Saturday Afternoon- Justice Julia Sebutinde, Uganda
Saturday Evening - Os Guinness, Trinity Forum
Sunday Morning - Gary Haugen, International Justice Mission
Bible Study Leader - Ajith Fernando, President Youth for Christ in Sri Lanka

THE ORGANIZATION

Board of Directors

CLS is governed by a voluntary, 30-member Board of Directors elected by the CLS membership for staggered terms of three years. The Board includes five officers.

With the exception of the Executive Director and CEO, all members of the Board of Directors serve without compensation for their services as directors. The Board members meet three times a year.

The officers of CLS are *ex officio* members of the Board of Directors elected by the Board to serve two-year terms. The current President and Chairman of the Board is Wallace L. Larson of Phoenix, AZ. The Executive Director and CEO reports to the Chairman of the Board and serve with the President as *ex officio* members of each board committee.

Each Board member actively participates in one or more of the Board's standing committees. The board has the following standing committees that in some cases also include non-board members:

- Board Governance and Nominating
- Administrative, Personnel, and Finance
- Membership
- Audit
- Development
- Legal Aid Ministries
- Center for Law and Religious Freedom
- Executive.

A complete current roster of CLS' Board of Directors can be found at CLS' website, www.clsnet.org/clsPages/bod/listing_bod.php3.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (*EX OFFICIO* MEMBERS)

WALLACE L. LARSON,
*PRESIDENT & CHAIRMAN OF
THE BOARD;*
CARSON, MESSINGER, ELLIOTT,
LAUGHLIN & RAGAN
PHOENIX, AZ.

STEPHEN A. TUGGY,
PRESIDENT-ELECT;
HELLER, EHRMAN, WHITE, &
MCAULIFFE
LOS ANGELES, CA

[VACANT], *PAST PRESIDENT;*

SAMUEL B. CASEY, *CEO &
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR;*
CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY
ANNANDALE, VA

RICHARD B. COUSER,
SECRETARY;
ORR & RENO
CONCORD, NH



Above: CLS' Board of Directors (Beginning at bottom left, from left to right on each row: David Simpson, Prof. Teresa Collett, Linda Bowers, Tim Smith, Judge Carla Moore, Lee Flaherty, Herb Jensen, Tim Houseal, Dick Couser (Secretary), Sandy Young, Craig Shultz, Peter Rathbun, David Allen (Past President), Steve Tuggy (President-elect), Andy Toles, Steve Leonhardt, Gene Fahrenkrog, Sam Casey (Exec. Dir. /CEO), Keith Watkins, Tim Klenk (Treasurer), Wally Larson (President), John Maire and Ray Dague. [Members of current 2003-2004 Board of Directors not pictured: Tim Belz, Tom Brandon, Roger Brooks, James Davids, Carl Esbeck, Jan LaRue, Terry Parker, Kenneth O. Simon])

CEO



Samuel B. Casey has served as CLS' Executive Director and CEO since 1994.

Prior to his current assignment at CLS, Mr. Casey was a founding partner in the law firm of Larson & Casey. During the period 1990 through May 1994, Mr. Casey also served as the Dean of the Trinity Law School in Anaheim, California, where he taught Legal Research & Writing, Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility, and Jurisprudence. Mr. Casey served as the General Counsel of the Western Center for Law and Religious Freedom from 1988 through 1990, where he was actively involved as legal counsel in the legislative advocacy and legal defense of religious freedom and the sanctity of human life. A CLS member since 1987, he has served on CLS' board of directors since 1992, where he now serves *ex officio* as a member of its Executive Committee.

Mr. Casey received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Stanford University in 1973 and his Juris Doctor Degree in 1977 *with honors* from the University of San Francisco, where he was Articles Editor of the *USF LAW REVIEW*. Mr. Casey has served as a law clerk to California Supreme Court Justices Raymond Sullivan and Wiley Manuel. In 1982, he also served as a deputy district attorney for the city and county of San Francisco.

Mr. Casey became a partner in the national firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in 1986, specializing in civil litigation and labor law. He resigned his OH&S partnership in 1988 to found a public interest law firm serving the legal needs of the poor. Mr. Casey is licensed to practice law in California and before a number of federal courts including the United States Supreme Court, where he has appeared as counsel of record or as counsel to “friends of the court” on numerous occasions, particularly in cases involving the free exercise of religion or the sanctity of innocent human life.

Sam and his wife Jill live in Fairfax, Virginia where they are celebrating their 31st year of marriage. They have two adult children. Jill serves CLS full time as Sam’s Executive Assistant.



Above: Jill and Sam Casey

CLS Staff



Above: CLS currently has a total of 25 paid workers. Of these, 20 are full-time and 5 are part-time. (Not all staff members are pictured above.)

CLS STAFF

Following is an alphabetical listing of CLS' staff members:

- Phillip L. Anderson, *Director of Development*
- Steven Aden, *Chief Litigation Counsel, CLRF*
- Glandion Carney, *Senior Chaplain*
- Gregory S. Baylor, *Director, CLRF*
- Samuel B. Casey, *Executive Director & CEO/Development Director*
- Jill L. Casey, *Executive Assistant*
- Kimberlee W. Colby, *Senior Counsel, CLRF*
- James David, *Legislative Counsel, CLRF*
- Jesse Esbeck, *Paralegal Associate, CLRF*
- Susan Fisher, *Manager, LSM*
- Jackie Fuller, *Administrative Assistant (Finance)*
- Cindy Garver, *Legal Referral Coordinator*
- David J. Lee, *Chief Operating Officer*
- Casey Mattox, *Litigation Counsel, CLRF*
- Margaret Mayberry, *Human Resources & Administrative Assistant*
- Brent McBurney, *Assistant Director of Legal Aid Ministries*
- David Nammo, *Director, Membership Ministries and LSM Ministries*
- Brian K. Patlen, *Membership Services Information Manager*
- John D. Robb, *Director of Legal Aid Ministries, Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A.*
- Professor Michael Schutt, *Director of the Institute of Christian Legal Studies.*
- Timothy Tracey, *Staff Counsel, CLRF*
- Tricia Tracey, *Communications Assistant, CLRF*
- (2 staff positions open at the present time due to funding constraints)

VOLUNTEERS

Innumerable volunteers serve in every capacity through CLS: from law-student mentoring to administrative needs to serving as pro-bono lawyers, ministry directors, and members of the Board of Directors.



Affiliations

CLS fully controls and is affiliated with a public interest legal organization, CLRF Advocates, LLC that also does business as “Religious Liberty Advocates” and “Human Life Advocates.”

CLS is a member or regularly cooperates with the following groups. Its references are also included below:

MEMBERSHIPS	COOPERATING GROUPS	REFERENCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLS is a member in good standing of Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) and complies with all seven ECFA standards: www.ecfa.org • Christian Stewardship Association www.stewardship.org • Christian Management Association www.christianity.com/cma • Christian Service Charities www.csoa.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peacemaker Ministries www.hispeace.org • Association of Gospel Rescue Missions www.agrm.org • Regent Law School, Institute for Christian Legal Studies www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw • Alliance Defense Fund www.alliancedefensefund.org • Salvation Army www.salvationarmyusa.org • Advocates International www.advocatesinternational.org • International Justice Mission www.ijm.org • National Association of Evangelicals www.nae.net • The Ethics and Religious Liberty Association (Southern Baptist Convention) www.sbc.net/aboutus/ERLC.asp • InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA (Graduate and Faculty Ministries) www.ivcf.org/grad • Family Research Council www.frc.org • Focus on the Family www.family.org • Care Net www.care-net.org • Heartbeat International www.heartbeatinternational.org • National Institute of Family and Life Advocates www.nifla.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Nelson, President, <i>Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability</i> 440 West Jubal Early Drive, Suite 130 Winchester, VA 22601 • Dr. James Dobson, President, <i>Focus On The Family</i>, 8605 Explorer Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920 • Judge Karon Owen Bowdre of U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Hugo Black Courthouse 1759 5th Avenue N Birmingham, AL 35203 • Kenneth Starr, Dean <i>Pepperdine Univ. School of Law</i> Malibu, CA • Chuck Colson, Chairman of the Board <i>Prison Fellowship Ministries</i> P.O. Box 17500 Washington, DC 20041-7500 • Dallas Willard, Professor of Philosophy <i>University of Southern California</i> 3709 Trousdale Parkway Los Angeles, CA 90089-0004 • The Honorable Samuel Brownback United States Senator (R, Kansas) 303 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510-1604 • Professor Robert P. George McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions <i>Princeton University</i> 244 Corwin Hall Princeton, New Jersey • Colonel Donald C. Bell Western Territorial Commander <i>Salvation Army</i> 180 East Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90802

CLS' History and Chronology of Events

(As excerpted from the article, "Great is His Faithfulness: 41 Years of His Story at CLS")

"It all began with a late-night conversation in 1959, following a time of prayer while both were attending an American Bar Association national convention, when **Paul Barnard** and **Henry Luke Brinks** talked about the need for a national association of Christian lawyers. Both had arrived independently at the same conclusion: Christian lawyers had no network for sharing their problems and finding fellowship. Pastors and church groups did not know how to locate Christian lawyers. Christian doctors had the Christian Medical Society to assist them to integrate their faith and profession, so why not form a Christian 'legal society?'"

"On October 19, 1961, the founding 'Chicago chapter' filed the Articles of Incorporation for the **Christian Legal Society**, naming Paul Barnard their president and appointing Brinks, Gerrit Groen, and Elmer Johnson, a Chicago lawyer who later served as the General Counsel to General Motors, as the first Board of Directors. On February 3, 1962, CLS held its first Board of Director's meeting at which time the first CLS by-laws were adopted and the first 21 'members of the corporation' were elected.

"Looking back over the first four decades of service, much has been accomplished, but much more can still be done. CLS is a unique ministry dedicated to addressing the problems of integrating Christian faith with legal profession, providing fellowship for Christian attorneys, and defending religious freedom and the sanctity of human life.

"As commanded by our Lord, CLS is also concerned for the needs of the poor and alleviating the causes of poverty. CLS seeks to present Jesus Christ and the basis for a Christ-centered jurisprudence to the more than 145,000 law students who study law each year in the nation's 188 ABA-accredited law schools. CLS offers biblical reconciliation as an alternative dispute resolution model, and encourages people to go to church, not the courtroom, to learn how to recognize and resolve their conflicts. Rather than seeing the lawyer as a 'shark' or a 'gunslinger,' CLS has learned to offer Jesus' model of the lawyer as a friend: "Greater love has no man than this that a man give up his life for a friend," (*John 15:13*). In these ways, CLS seeks to do its part and take its place in the Holy Spirit's work of bringing the Whole Gospel, through the Whole Church, to the Whole World, particularly in those places where lawyers and law students are found in the study and practice of law."

For a complete narrative history of CLS along with a year-by-year chronology, please visit the printed materials section of its Information Center, located at www.clsinfo.org or go to: <http://www.clsnet.org/clsPages/history.php>.

Uniqueness

No other national organization defends religious liberties and the sanctity of human life using a national membership network.

CLS is also unique in that no other Christian legal organization has the history, reputation, and impact on the U.S. judicial system as CLS has had, particularly in the area of religious liberty legislation at the state and federal level.

CLS uniquely sponsors the only Christian legal aid service in the United States.

CLS is the only national membership organization dedicated to transformation of the legal profession through the spiritual formation and discipleship of attorneys and law students

Similar Legal Advocacy Organizations

CLS is not aware of any other organization that has ministries comparable to CLS' law student ministries, Christian legal aid, and national membership association for Christian attorneys. In the areas of the defense of religious liberties and the sanctity of human life, similar organizations are as follows:

- Alliance Defense Fund
- The American Center for Law and Justice
- Americans United for Life
- Liberty Council
- Christian Law Association
- The Becket Fund

Offices and Facilities

CLS' national offices are located in Annandale, Virginia, a suburb of Washington D.C.

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Communications

CLS' web address is www.clsnet.org

CLS' website contains in-depth information on CLS and its ministry divisions, a member directory, information on membership services and benefits, information on legal referral, and classified ads.

An online version of this report is available in CLS' Information Center at www.clsinfo.org. This site complements CLS' website and is designed specifically to meet the needs of a donor audience potentially interested in CLS' advancement. Major donors are specifically invited to review and download CLS' grant proposals in support of the Center for Law and Religious Freedom and its Christian Legal Aid Program by going to the Printed Materials section at www.clsinfo.org. For information concerning the making of donations to CLS in general, or to its other ministries, please contact Phillip L. Anderson, *Director of Development* at the above address and telephone number.

FINANCES

Operating Statement

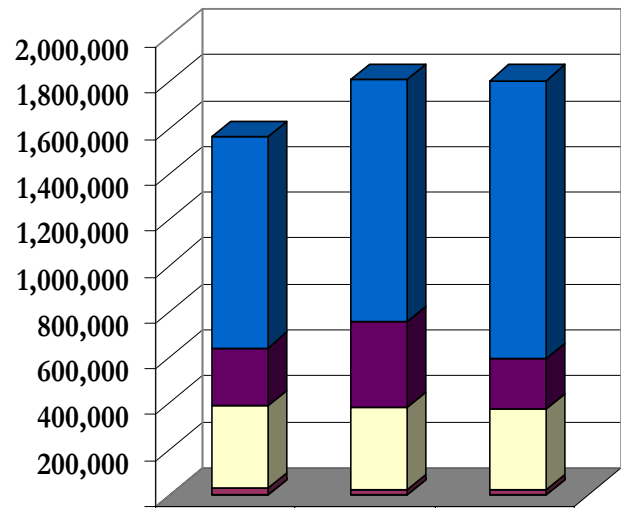
Total revenue received by CLS in 2003 was more than \$2.1 million, including temporarily restricted revenues of \$374,777. Approximately \$1.5 million was received as contributions from donors, and the balance was received from membership fees, fees for service, and investments. CLS' largest expenditures were wages and benefits (52% of total expenditure), printing, postage, and shipping (7%), and depreciation (7%).

TOTAL REVENUE

Recast into Federal Form
990 categories

2003 is the latest year for which financial information is available and provided to SF Foundation. The total revenue figures, given Form 990 categories, include contributions in-kind of 374,499, as shown in CLS' audited financial statements as graphically highlighted on page 34. The total revenue figures, given Form 990 categories, do not include \$374,777 of temporarily restricted revenues as shown in CLS' audited financial statements.

Rounded to nearest thousand dollars



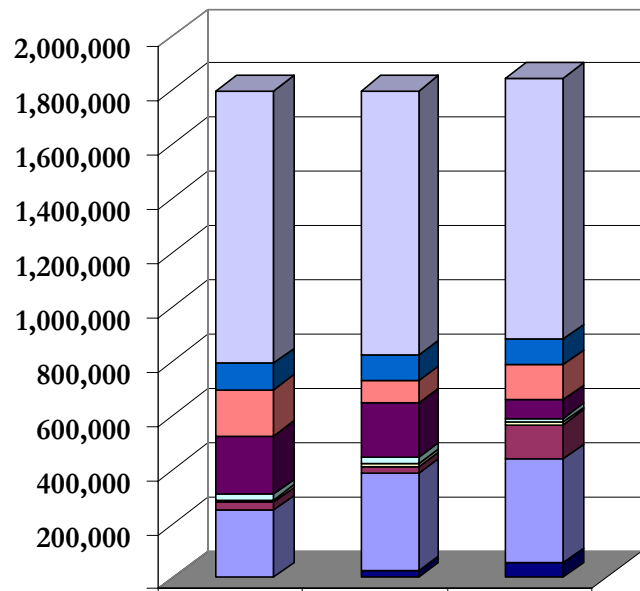
	2001	2002	2003
	\$1,545,000	\$1,810,000	\$1,806,000
■ Contributions	917,000	1,057,000	1,214,000
■ [No government grants]	-	-	-
■ Fees for services	252,000	373,000	220,000
■ [No special event income]	-	-	-
■ Membership fees	360,000	357,000	352,000
■ Investment income	19,000	17,000	15,000
■ Sales of inventory/assets (net)	(14,000)	(1,000)	- -
■ Other revenue	9,000	7,000	5,000

TOTAL EXPENSES

Recast into Federal Form 990 categories

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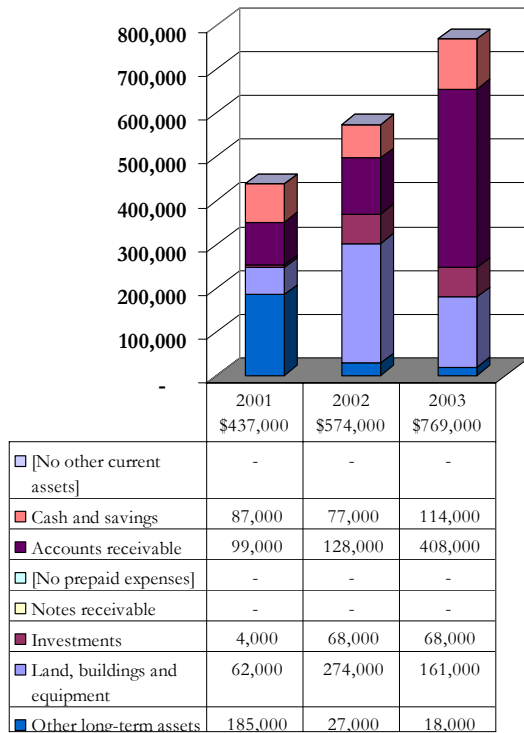


	2001	2002	2003
	\$1,795,000	\$1,795,000	\$1,843,000
Wages and benefits	1,004,000	973,000	962,000
Occupancy	97,000	98,000	96,000
Printing, postage and shipping	172,000	82,000	131,000
Travel, conf and meetings	215,000	200,000	65,000
Equip rental and maint	19,000	24,000	14,000
Interest	7,000	9,000	11,000
Depreciation	30,000	26,000	128,000
All other expenses	250,000	358,000	381,000
Grants given	-	25,000	55,000

ALL FIGURES IN THIS SECTION WERE EXTRACTED BY **SF FOUNDATION** FROM AN ANALYSIS OF FEDERAL FORM 990 TAX RETURNS FILED WITH THE IRS BY CLS TO CERTIFY ITS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.

Balance Sheet

CLS has nearly \$769,000 in assets and about \$597,000 in liabilities.



TOTAL ASSETS

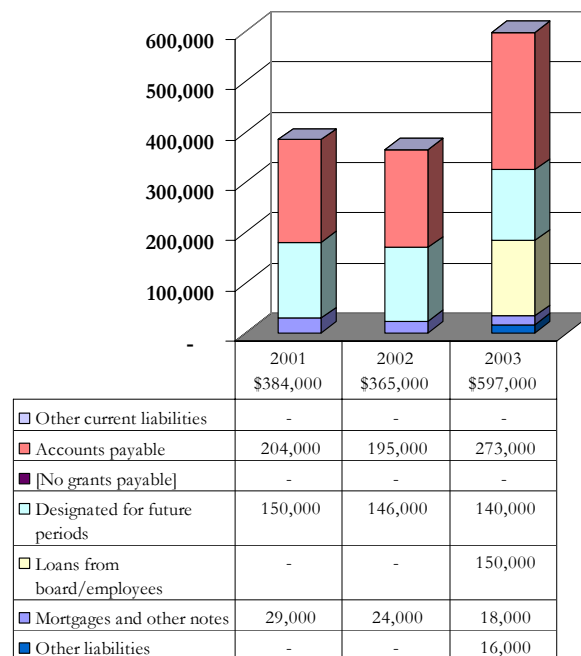
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TOTAL LIABILITIES

As with the Operating Statement, all figures in this section were extracted by SF Foundation from an analysis of federal Form 990 tax returns filed with the IRS by CLS to certify its tax-exempt status.



Operating Ratios

All basic operating ratios are a reflection of CLS' current financial state. They are useful for trend comparisons with other time periods and other organizations.

RATIO	2003	DESCRIPTION
PROGRAM SERVICES RATIO	86%	Expenditures on programs as a percentage of total expenses, a measure of how much goes directly to fund the mission of the organization (the balance is overhead).
UNRESTRICTED ASSETS RATIO	-165%	Percentage of net assets that have not been restricted by donor designation for a particular use or project, a measure of flexibility.
EARNED INCOME RATIO	33%	Percentage of revenue derived from investments, fees, and sales of goods and services, a measure of dependence on donors.
CURRENT RATIO	1.43	Current assets divided by current liabilities, expressed as a ratio, a measure of ability to weather short-term stress.
DEBT RATIO	74%	Long-term debt (excludes current liabilities) as a percentage of long-term assets (excludes current assets), a measure of ability to weather long-term stress.

The above ratios were calculated from the organization's 2003 tax returns.

Donors

CLS is a nonprofit organization and depends on donors for the funding necessary to carry out its mission.

CLS donor base consists of the following:

- Individuals (47%)
- Foundations (47%)
- Corporations (1%)
- Churches (5%).

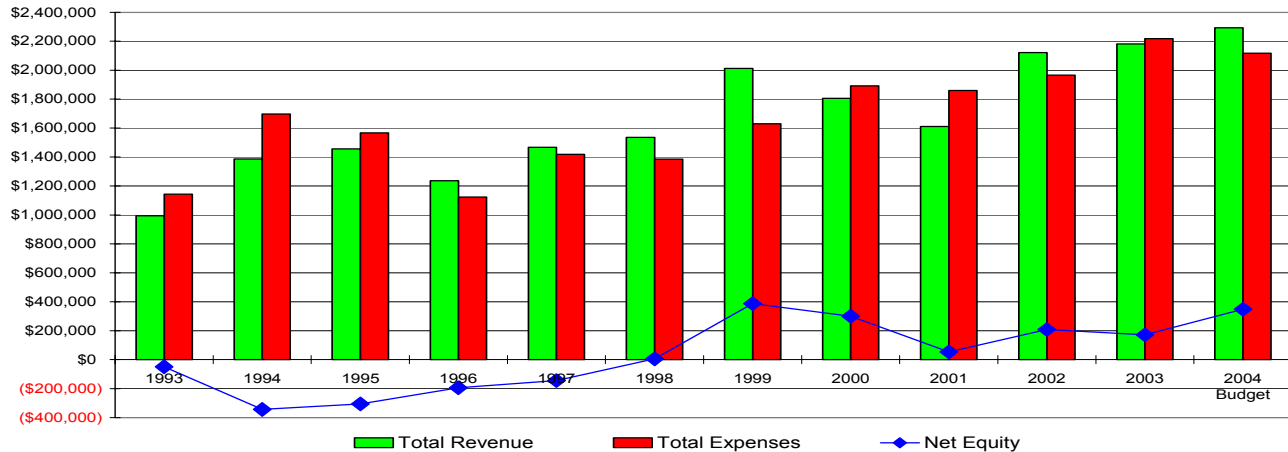
Funding Methods

About 67% of *CLS* revenue comes from contributions.

It raises funds in the following ways:

- Newsletters
- Emails
- Direct mail
- Banquets
- Presentations
- In-person, one-to-one requests
- Combined Federal Campaign (CFC no. 2033).

**Financial Performance 1993 - 2003
Plus 2004 Budget**



The information set forth in the financial performance graph above is taken from CLS’ audited financial statements, which include temporarily restrict revenues and contributions in-kind in the total revenue category.

Contributions in-kind include the fair market value of donated facilities, and the “contribution of services” if the services “enhance or create non-financial assets or require specialized skills; are provided by individuals possessing those skills; and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation.” Copies of CLS’ audited financial statements are available online at <http://www.clsnet.org>.

Since 1998, CLS’ financial performance has been stable, featuring a positive net equity and revenues growing from \$1.5 million to over \$2 million dollars (including contributions in-kind). Like most organizations in the non-profit sector, CLS’ revenues and expenses decreased in response to a national slow-down in charitable giving in the wake of the attack on September 11, 2001. Revenues rebounded in 2002. Given the projected weakness in the U.S. economy until at least the fourth quarter of 2003, **CLS** budgeted slightly less revenue and expense in 2003 while maintaining all of its ministry activities.

During the five-year period 1993-1997, **CLS** experienced negative equity and a substantial increase in expenses due to the planned costs of a donor acquisition campaign, the implementation of a new strategic plan and the change of senior management in the second quarter of 1994. With the hiring of David J. Lee as its CFO in 1997, and thanks to the support of so many **CLS** friends, **CLS** return to financial stability was completed in 1997 and has been maintained since that date.

Financial Accountability

CLS is a founding member in good standing with the Evangelical Council of Financial (ECFA) Accountability (www.ecfa.org) in full compliance with all of **ECFA**’s standards. **CLS** Financial Statements are audited annually. A copy of **CLS** audited financial statements and the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 for **CLS** (annual tax return for nonprofit organizations) for each of the last three years can be found at **CLS** website. Finally, **CLS** has been evaluated by Ministry Watch (www.ministrywatch.com), the independent source for ministry ratings, and has been given the highest rating of ‘**A**’ for transparency and **four stars** for efficiency.

THE FUTURE

SWOT Analysis

Here is a detailed explanation of CLS' internal analysis of its corporate strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) Analysis.

<u>STRENGTHS</u>	<u>WEAKNESSES</u>	<u>OPPORTUNITIES</u>	<u>THREATS</u>
<p>43 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE with an excellent national reputation.</p> <p>INFLUENTIAL NATIONAL ADVOCACY VOICE, that competently raises awareness about religious liberty, pro-life, and poverty law issues that are unsupported elsewhere.</p> <p>LARGEST NATIONAL NETWORK of attorney & law student volunteers.</p> <p>A UNIQUE FAITH-BASED MINISTRY for the poor needing legal advice.</p> <p>BEST SOURCE FOR INSPIRATION in the workplace and academia for Christian attorneys and law students.</p>	<p>CASH FLOW for first and second quarter needs to improve.</p> <p>COMMUNICATIONS throughout the overall ministry need to be expanded and improved.</p> <p>MEETING EMERGING NEEDS OF CONSTITUENTS. CLS needs to better survey and meet the current and emerging needs of its constituents.</p> <p>SPIRITUAL DIRECTION CLS needs to recruit both full-time and part-time chaplains from various Christian denominations to provide spiritual direction to its membership as requested.</p>	<p>OPEN 125 MORE CHRISTIAN LEGAL AID CLINICS capable of providing over 100,000 legal service hours per year to over 10,000 poor and needy people by training and mobilizing 2,000 lawyer and law student volunteers.</p> <p>END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FAITH-BASED SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS by Co-sponsor legislation and commencing litigation at the national and state levels.</p> <p>ESTABLISH MORE ATTORNEY AND LAW SCHOOL CHAPTERS. CLS has the opportunity to establish another 30 law school chapters and 40 attorney chapters so that CLS covers every major city, all 50 states, and every law school growing to a membership of at least 5,000.</p> <p>ASSIST PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS in the U.S. by providing free or low-cost legal services to them.</p>	<p>DONOR COMPLACENCY AND CONFUSION about issues CLS advocates or defends.</p> <p>PUBLIC UNPOPULARITY OF LAWYERS and the public feeling of distrust toward legal procedures.</p> <p>INABILITY TO RECRUIT enough attorney volunteers and project leaders.</p> <p>TIME CONSTRAINTS. There is much competition for the volunteer time of CLS member lawyers.</p> <p>LOW PUBLIC PROFILE. The lack of public understanding and awareness of CLS could negatively affect the number of contributions CLS receives.</p> <p>LACK OF TRAINED VOLUNTEER SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.</p>

Strategic Vision

During 2004-2005, **CLS** will be completing its new strategic vision for the four-year period 2005-2008. CLS anticipates that this strategy will include its commitment to advancing each of its nine organizational objectives set forth in the Guiding Principles section of this report.

In 2004, **CLS** plans to pursue the following short-term strategic objectives in each of its ministry divisions, guided by its vision, mission, corporate objectives, core value, and core purpose described above:

THE CENTER FOR LAW AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



In 2004, the Center needs your prayers and financial support as it works on the following seven priority objectives:

1. Protecting religious organizations from non-discrimination rules (on the basis of religion, sexual orientation, state constitutional provisions, or municipal bond financing rules);
2. Equal treatment of faith-based persons in the public square;
3. Securing equal and fair access for religious groups to State-employee charitable campaigns;
4. Securing equal publicity privileges for child evangelism programs;
5. Protecting the work of pregnancy resource centers from unfounded legal attacks orchestrated by the abortion industry;
6. Protecting the rights of health-care providers and insurers to freely exercise their right not to perform or insure health care practices and procedures to which they morally object;
7. Banning human cloning and the creation of human embryos for non-therapeutic human experimentation.

PUBLIC MINISTRIES



In addition to handling approximately 250 legal referral contacts per week, CLS' Legal Aid Ministries plans to work on the following strategic objectives in 2004:

1. Raising the revenues needed to continue compensating our full-time national assistant director, hire an executive assistant and a chief information officer of CLS' Legal Aid Ministries Program;
2. Increasing local Legal Aid Ministries Program projects from 40 to 45, and the number of trained law students and volunteers from 800 to 900.

LAW STUDENT MINISTRIES



CLS is committed to supporting students and law professors to be truly faithful followers of Jesus Christ. With your prayers and financial support, here are some of the strategic initiatives **CLS** will be taking on at law-school campuses in 2004:

1. Adding 10 more law student chapters;
2. Increasing law student membership by 12.5% (from 800 to 900) and the

number of non-member students served from 1,600 to 2,000;

3. **CLS** will hold its 17th annual National Student Leadership Conference (**NSLC**) in McLean, Virginia, October 28 - 31, 2004, which **CLS** expects to be attended by 175 law student leaders representing 75 out of the 188 ABA-accredited law schools;
4. **CLS** Institute for Christian Legal Studies (**ICLS**) will hold its 3rd annual Christian Scholars Symposium, in conjunction with the **NSLC**, which **CLS** expects to be attended by 100 law professors representing 50 law schools.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRIES



CLS, in conjunction with Advocates International, remains the largest grassroots network of Christian lawyers in service to others in the world. Indeed, CLS depends on the solidarity of its voluntary network in every state and in over 1,100 cities and towns to spiritually encourage one another in the love and good work Jesus commands.

To spiritually strengthen this network in 2004, CLS expects to initiate or continue the following strategic initiatives:

1. CLS plans to call all its member lawyers to united repentant prayer for our nation and for our nation's legal institutions, as well as for the ethical conduct of the Christian legal profession with a national concert of prayer for "the whole gospel through the whole church to the whole world" being planned for our nation's capitol for October 28-31, 2004;
2. CLS plans to expand its chaplaincy program, providing 24 hour, seven-days-a-week pastoral counseling and spiritual direction and formation services for CLS members through CLS' attorney chapters.
3. CLS will conduct its annual conference in McLean, VA, from October 28 - 31, 2003, where it expects to minister to over 900 people, including more than 200 lawyers from more than 35 countries;
4. CLS will continue to provide the following communication services:
 - CLS online directory
 - CLS website (www.clsnet.org)
 - CLS audio magazine (*THE CHRISTIAN LAWYER DIGEST*)
 - Monthly Christian lawyer E-newsletter
 - CLS Intercessor Prayer Ministry
 - CLS *DEFENDER* and *LAWGIVER* E-bulletin.



Top Priorities

1. **FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD AND NEIGHBOR.** *CLS* seeks to remain what it has grown to be: a national grassroots network now composed of more than 3,200 attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students, in association with thousands of supportive people across the country who also seek to follow Jesus by doing justice with the love of God, and being known by their love one for another.
2. **ASSOCIATION IN CHRIST.** More than 3,200 members in over 1,100 cities (including all the nation's major cities), in 50 states and 10 foreign countries, specializing in all legal practice areas, with a national legal referral service, annual national and regional conferences, member benefits, and useful spiritual and professional activities sponsored by *CLS* local attorney chapters and fellowships and 165 law student ministries chapters.
3. **PEACEMAKING.** *CLS* is a “partner in peacemaking” with Peacemaker Ministries for the purpose of training lawyers and lay people in dispute resolution leading to reconciliation. *CLS* members also work through ICC, on a case-by-case basis, to provide biblical reconciliation services as an alternative to civil litigation.
4. **LIBERTY AND LIFE.** *CLS* founded the *CLRF* in 1975 – the first Christian non-denominational legal advocacy organization defending religious liberty. In 1993, *CLRF* expanded its advocacy mission to defend the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Through its national staff and *CLS* volunteer attorneys, as well as its affiliated Religious Liberty Advocates and Human Life Advocates, *CLRF* advocates for life and liberty before all branches of federal, state, and local government.
5. **THE POOR AND NEEDY.** *CLS* recruits and trains its members, on a no-fee or low-fee basis, to provide Christian legal services to the poor through local Christian social service providers like the Salvation Army or the Union of Gospel Missions in the form of legal aid, biblical reconciliation counseling, and the good news about Jesus.
6. **INTEGRITY.** *CLS* is a founding member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (**ECFA**), currently in full compliance with **ECFA**'s stringent accounting and fund-raising standards. *CLS* seeks to maintain high standards of legal ethics and professional responsibility among its members.

CLS operates with the following top priorities in mind:

- Friendship with God and Neighbor
- Association in Christ
- Peacemaking
- Liberty and life
- The poor and needy
- Integrity.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Projects in Need of Funding

THE CLS MISSION ASSURANCE FUND

This fund will be placed in a restricted account to be “borrowed” and repaid by CLS only within each calendar year for the purposes of assuring the timely payment of staff payroll and accounts payable and avoiding any delays in CLS’ publication or website update schedules due to lack of financial resources.

COST: \$100,000 by December 31, 2005, and a total of \$250,000 by December 31, 2006.

PROJECT STATUS: 15% complete.

THE LEGAL AID MINISTRIES PROGRAM

Inspired by God's command and Jesus' teachings to come to the aid of the poor (Proverbs 29:7, 31-8-9; Matthew 23:23, 25:31-40; Luke 4:18-19, 12:32-33), the basic purposes of CLS' Christian Legal Aid Project are to experiment, develop, and use innovative methods that result in the following seven outcomes:

1. Expert interdisciplinary, locally controlled and operated, volunteer legal aid help for the poor that is served through an established, faith-based, community social service provider, such as a facility associated with the Salvation Army, the International Union of Gospel Missions, or other faith-oriented social service providers;

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK UPDATE PROJECT

This technology update project will fully develop the information and Internet communications network needed by CLS to cost-effectively mobilize Christian lawyers, law students, and the Christian community for service to God and neighbor throughout the U.S. and around the world. It includes the hardware, software, training, and maintenance expenditures required to allow CLS to

- Maintain its productivity and reduce its telecommunications expense without having to substantially increase its workforce;
- Fully network its attorney and law student chapters, thereby increasing its membership and the volunteer service hours that its membership is capable of contributing;
- Provide the case management software and web-based public information services needed by its Center for Law and Religious Freedom to more promptly and cost-effectively defend religious liberty and the sanctity of human life.

COST: \$150,000-for completion by July 1, 2005.

PROJECT STATUS: 40% complete.

2. Legal and spiritual advice and counseling of Legal Aid Ministries Program clients and volunteers that seeks to address unmet root and more immediate causes of poverty;
3. Rehabilitation of the needy in body, mind, and spirit;
4. Raising up of general advocates for the poor who are committed to justly alleviating the true and broader causes of poverty, where possible;
5. Training of volunteers in how to conduct a Legal Aid Ministries Program project;
6. Legally and spiritually equipping, mentoring, and assisting young lawyers and law students in the context of the moral obligation to help the poor;
7. Nurturing and strengthening the vocational, spiritual, and familial lives of Christian Legal Aid Program volunteers to more effectively serve the poor, the homeless, and their families.

CLS estimates that if it can raise \$2.37 million dollars during the period January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2008 (between \$250,000 - \$500,000 per year), it can build its Christian legal aid network up to 150 sites, involving up to 1,500 attorney and paralegal volunteers, rendering up to 224,000 legal service hours to the poor and needy without charge. These volunteer hours will have a fair market value of at least \$24,000,000. In other words, CLS estimates that for every dollar donated, it will be able to provide an average of \$11 of pro bono legal service to the poor and the needy without charge.

COST: \$2.37 million for completion by December 31, 2008.

PROJECT STATUS: 8% complete.

A complete project proposal is found in the Printed Materials section at www.clsinfo.org.

THE LAW OF LIFE PROJECT:

CHOOSING HOW THE LAW WILL SHAPE OUR LIFE AND DEATH DECISIONS

An on-going CLRF advocacy project, in cooperation with the United States Catholic Conference, Americans United for Life, and the Christian Medical and Dental Society, to employ CLRF attorneys and a paralegal (and/or outside co-counsel) on an as-needed basis to defend pregnancy resource centers and the health care right of conscience.

These attorneys will also support in Congress, the states, and in the courts a statutory ban to all forms of human cloning and oppose in the Congress and in the courts any attempt to fund the destruction of human embryos (whether created through in-vitro fertilization [IVF] or cloning) for the purpose of harvesting their stem cells, to encourage the adoption of federal and state laws supporting adult stem cell research and the adoption (if necessary) and implantation, not the destruction, of the more than 190,000 human embryos now being cryopreserved in more than 300 IVF clinics in the U.S.

COST: \$150,000 annually for completion by December 31, 2007.

PROJECT STATUS: 25% complete.

THE CLS CHAPLAINCY

PROJECT: PROVIDING SPIRITUAL CARE AND RENEWAL IN THE LEGAL MARKETPLACE

It is estimated by pollsters George Gallup and George Barna that no more than 105,000 of the 1,050,000 attorneys currently practicing law, serving as judges or legislatures, or working in America's corporations, are followers of Jesus. In order to reach and disciple this otherwise "unreached people group," this project will provide the initial funding needed to hire CLS' first two full-time "marketplace chaplains" who will develop the training curricula and personally train the more than 150 CLS volunteer attorney chapter leaders in the various ways and means of marketplace spiritual formation.

Based upon our preliminary experience with this project, we can expect the following outcomes:

- Increased volunteer service by CLS members;
- Increased evangelization and discipleship of attorneys and clients by CLS members in their workplaces;
- Improved ethical decision-making by attorneys and their clients;
- A growing number of CLS members volunteering to serve as "chaplains" throughout the U.S. training other Christian attorneys to view legal practice as ministry.

This project is expected to be self-supporting within no more than two years of receiving its initial funding.

COST: \$100,000, for completion by December 31, 2006.

PROJECT STATUS: 10% complete.

THE INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN LEGAL STUDIES (ICLS)

Christian law students are in desperate need of a coherent, biblical, and natural law approach to the substance of their legal studies. Yet Christian professors at most schools, with virtually no support from their colleagues and institutions, are unable to devote much time or effort to serious biblical thinking about the law. **CLS** and Regent Law School created **ICLS** to minister to these Christian law students and their professors, encouraging them to integrate their faith with their scholarship and studies.

In addition, **ICLS** reaches out to pre-law students, practicing lawyers, and judges to equip them to integrate faith and practice. To encourage students and professors in this calling of integration of faith and practice, **ICLS**

- Educates students, professors, and lawyers through resources and written materials;
- Trains mentors for students and networks professor-mentors;
- Sends law professors to personally support, disciple, and encourage students on campuses throughout the country.

In addition, **ICLS** is developing a distance course on the foundations of law for undergraduates and a Continuing Legal Education program for practicing lawyers.

This two-year project will fund the development of the online **ICLS** curriculum for use on the **CLS** distance learning center, provide scholarships for up to 175 law students to attend the annual Christian Legal Scholars Symposium as well as at least one national or regional Student Leadership Conference. Funds from this project will also cover website maintenance costs to set up a virtual **ICLS** website for every law school and travel expenses incurred by **CLS** to send **ICLS** law professors to visit and encourage the students and professors involved with **CLS** 165 law school chapters around the U.S.

Without this project, America's 145,000 law students and 3,000 law professors will not be effectively reached by any other campus ministry. Failure to reach law professors and the next generation of lawyers with the idea that law has a transcendent source will likely mean the loss of a vital philosophical foundation upon which all of America's liberties are actually based.

COST: \$100,000-for completion by June 30, 2006.

PROJECT STATUS: 10% complete.

THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROJECT: ENDING UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST RELIGIOUS PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS

CLS needs financial support to ensure religious freedom. The funds will be used principally to pay the salaries of lawyers and support staff engaged in *CLS* Center for Law and Religious Freedom.

In 2004, *CLS* is focused on the following:

- Helping youth-oriented evangelistic groups remove the obstacles that public schools put in their paths
- Ensuring that religious schools and social service providers have a fair and equal chance to serve the poor and needy with government funds.

With these two goals in mind, CLS plans to stop governments from denying Christians schools two particular benefits: access to low-cost financing of building projects and the same access for religious groups as non-religious groups to mechanisms by which community groups communicate with parents about opportunities for their children.

PROJECT STATUS: \$100,000 of the needed \$300,000 has been obtained.

COST: \$150,000 annually for completion by December 31, 2005.

A complete project proposal may be found in the Printed Materials section of CLS' Information Center, located at www.clsinfo.org.

How to Support *CLS*

CLS provides many options for donating funds. Interested parties may donate online at *CLS* website (www.clsnet.org) by clicking “Donate.” Online donations can also be made to *CLS* by going to Network for Good (www.networkforgood.org) or JustGive (www.justgive.org).

As of January 1, 2005, *CLS* will also have a fully functional Development Section on *CLS’* website found at www.clsnet.org which will include exciting and beneficial opportunities for potential and existing donors to *CLS* to make Planned Giving to *CLS* (e.g., Charitable Gift Annuities, Unitrusts, etc.) a part of the donor’s longer term financial planning.

In addition, *CLS* has many membership opportunities available at different levels for both lawyers and non-lawyers. Donations may also be made online at www.clsinfo.org under the Special Needs section.

For more information, please feel free to contact *CLS* directly or go to Printed Materials section of *CLS* Information Center at www.clsinfo.org to find grant proposals for *CLS* Legal Aid Ministries Program, and *CLS’* Religious Liberty Project.

Other ways you can support *CLS* are the following:

- Join or renew *CLS* membership online at www.clsnet.org
- Mentor a *CLS* law student or young attorney
- Organize or join an attorney or law student prayer small group
- Get CLE-accredited training to provide *CLS*-sponsored “Christian Legal Services” to the poor, then volunteer service or financial support locally through *CLS* Public Ministries
- Receive help/training through *CLS* Center for Law & Religious Freedom, then protect religious freedom and the sanctity of life locally
- Begin or continue donating to *CLS*.



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