

2006-2007 Annual Report of the



CHRISTIAN
LEGAL SOCIETY

Justice at the Foot of the Cross

"Restoring Lives. Protecting Freedom. Molding the Future."



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Vision, Mission Statement, and Core Value

VISION

A nationwide fellowship of Christian lawyers who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Christian Legal Society is to impact the legal profession and, through the law, our culture, toward a biblical worldview. CLS carries out this mission by encouraging and equipping Christian lawyers, judges, law students, and law professors to take Christ into the public square; to model His mercy and justice; and to advocate for the rights of the poor, for religious freedom, and for the sanctity of human life.

CORE VALUE

Being a justice-seeking, Christ-following band of committed, loving friends.

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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 Chairman & President, and our Executive Director & CEO

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. Further, 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 46th 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.



James A. Davids
Virginia Beach, Virginia
CLS Chairman & President



Samuel B. Casey
Springfield, Virginia
CLS Executive Director & CEO

CONFERENCES

We are thankful for nearly 400 attorneys, law students, jurists and law scholars that joined us for the 2007 CLS National Conference at the ***Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa***, November 1-4, 2007!. And, although not the largest, it was one of the best Conferences CLS has ever held! Now we strongly encourage you to mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 2008 Global Convocation which will be held at the ***Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill***, October 5-12, 2008! With more than 1,500 legal professionals from 150 countries around the world, it will be the largest gathering of Christian attorneys ever! Plan now to be a part of this unprecedented international gathering in Washington, DC!



CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

2006-2007 Ministry Highlights

As more fully explained in the accompanying full report, CLS made the following progress in each of its ministries in 2006-2007. 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 (**LAM**) that, through cooperating faith-based social service providers (e.g., Gospel Rescue Missions, The Salvation Army, Catholic Social Services, inner city church-based social service agencies, etc.) 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:

- **Launching *Project Upgrade*, the largest ever plan to strengthen the national and local efforts to provide more and better legal and spiritual help to the poor and the homeless.**
- **Distributed LAM program resources and training materials to more than 950 LAM project volunteers serving in 57 CLS-sponsored programs in 28 states and 49 cities and 4 countries where an estimated 7,800 individuals and families received a total of more than 31,000 hours of free legal help annually with a value of more than \$5.6 million dollars in voluntary legal services.**
- **Conducted the 9th Annual LAM program National Recruitment and Training Conference on November 1-4, 2007.**
- **Retaining Brent McBurney as Director, Legal Aid Ministries.**
- **Received two matching grants totaling \$150,000 which are already being “matched” on a dollar for dollar basis in 2007 and are helping to provide training for more volunteers, strengthening existing programs, and adding new projects to the LAM program.**



“[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.”

**Former Executive Director Steve Burger,
Association of Gospel Rescue Missions
(AGRM)**



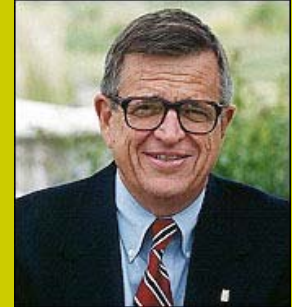
“The Christian Legal Aid program in Jacksonville, Florida has transformed our local CLS chapter. No longer do we give lip service to God’s command to do justice to the afflicted and destitute

**Rose Marie Preddy
President, CLS of Jacksonville**

ADVOCATING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM & THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE THROUGH CLS'
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:

- **Successfully completed litigation against Southern Illinois University and the University of Georgia, and have current litigation pending against the University of Florida and the University of California Hastings College of Law in order to secure religious student organizations' freedom to maintain their religious character while being recognized by universities as official student organizations.**
- **Successfully intervened in two federal court actions to help defend the constitutionality of a federal law protecting the exercise of conscience by health care providers.**
- **Filed "friends of the court" briefs in multiple cases pending before the United States Supreme Court in the 2006-2007 term involving partial birth abortion, fair access to funding for faith-based social service providers, healthcare providers' right of conscience and religious liberties of all Americans.**
- **Expended approximately 6,000 legal service hours, at the trial court or appellate level, working on 24 legal matters, involving the defense of life or religious freedom thanks to the charitable support of more than 500 donors.**



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

**Chuck Colson, Founder
& Former Chairman -
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, Esq.,
Sr. Fellow for Legal Studies,
Family Research Council**

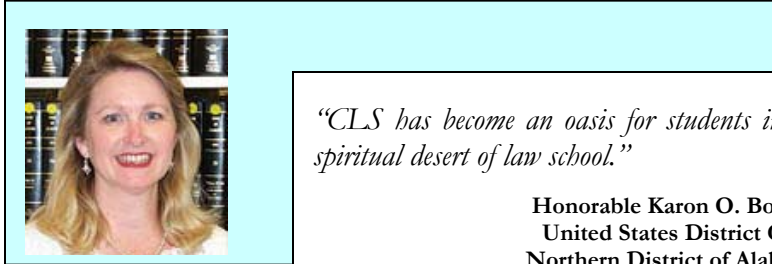


*ENCOURAGING STUDENTS & PROFESSORS
TO DO JUSTICE WITH THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH*

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:

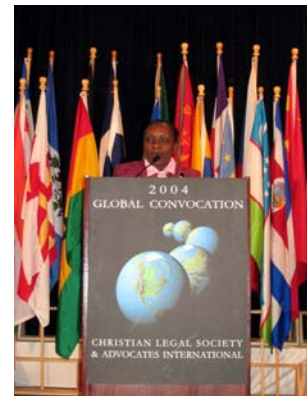
- Student membership in CLS has increased from 240 in 1996 to over 750 in 2006, while the number of non-member students attending LSM activities has grown to over 2,500.



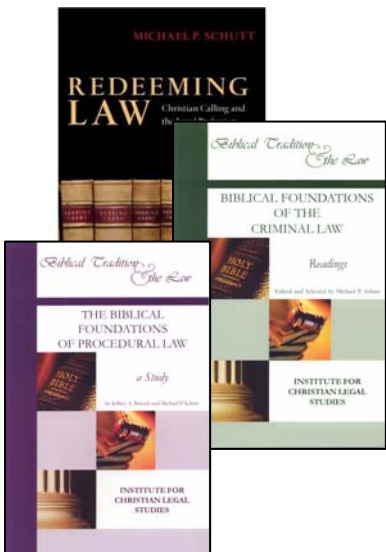
“CLS has become an oasis for students in the spiritual desert of law school.”

Honorable Karon O. Bowdre
United States District Court
Northern District of Alabama

- 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.
- LSM and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Graduate & Faculty Ministries are partnering together to reach more law school campuses, using LSM resources, history, and network, and relying on IVCF campus ministry workers.
- LSM and the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist partnered together in 2005-2006 to hold three student retreats, attended by nearly 300 students, and CLS already held two similar retreats in 2007 attended by over 300 students. Plans call for up to four similar retreats in 2008.
- The November 2006 18th Annual National Law Student Convention (NLSC), held in San Antonio, TX, was attended by 130 law students, and 15 spouses, representing 75 law schools.



Lady Justice Julia Sebutinde of the Supreme Court of Uganda, addresses CLS’ 17th annual National Law Student Convention held at McLean, VA, October 2004.



- CLS’ Institute for Christian Legal Studies (ICLS), under the leadership of Professor Michael Schutt, held its 4th Annual Christian Scholars Symposium in conjunction with the 2006 NLSC, attended by 30 law professors from 25 law schools to discuss the natural law tradition in Christian thought under the theme banner of *“Christianity and the Rule of Law.”*
- In 2005, ICLS published and distributed the second volume in the “Biblical Tradition and the Law Study Series,” a 115-page study on

the “Biblical Foundations of Procedural Law. Now, ICLS has just published the third volume in the “Biblical Tradition and the Law Study Series,” a study entitled “Redeeming Law: *Christian Calling and the Legal Profession*” that is already available on Amazon.com, and will be distributed late August 2007 to CLS’ entire membership.

- In 2006-2007, LSM continued to expand 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 continue 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 **Attorney 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 1,500 cities and towns to spiritually encourage one another in the love and good work Jesus commands.

- Chaplain Glandion Carney authored the first discipleship curriculum for attorneys and held the first discipleship retreats for attorneys and their spouses in Birmingham, San Antonio, and Honolulu.
- In partnership with the National Christian Foundation, CLS launched the Christian Gift and Estate Section, which requires additional training to become a member of the section. In 2007, CLS plans to establish sections for Christian trial lawyers and Christian adoption attorneys.
- CLS published its first edition of the new *Christian Lawyer* magazine in the Fall of 2005. Interest in the magazine has grown at a robust pace, leading to the publishing of the next two pilot editions in 2006. Plans are to continue publishing the magazine on a semi-annual basis – Spring and Fall each year.

The 2007 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 Marian]



- CLS continues to serve over 3000 active members, in all fifty states and 1100 cities, organized in 31 attorney chapters, and influence the more than 12,000 Christian lawyers, law students, judges, law professors and friends who have signed CLS' Statement of Faith and continue to associate with CLS through fellowship, networking, websites and referrals.

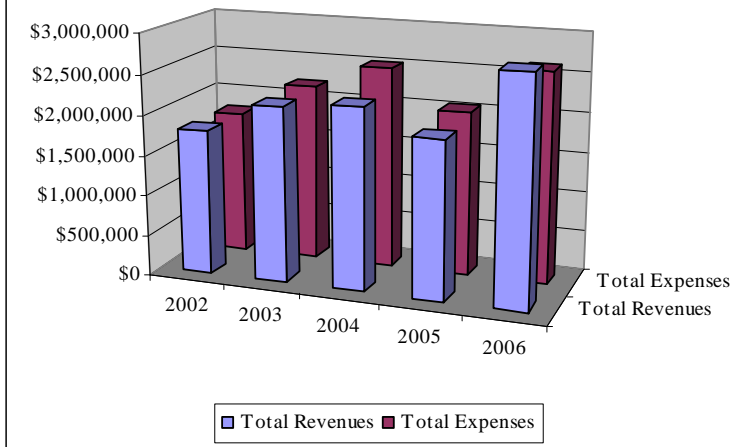


“And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God....”

~Micah 6:8~

2006 Financial Highlights

Revenues and Expenses



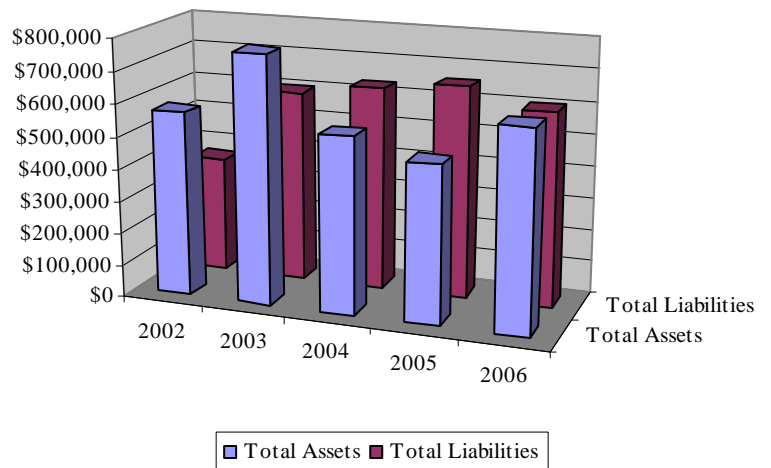
Revenue & Expenses

In 2006, CLS had about \$2.8 million in total revenue, including \$40,250 from in-kind contributions, and about \$2.6 million in total expenses. In addition to its unrestricted revenues, CLS booked temporarily restricted revenues of \$1.26 million. 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.

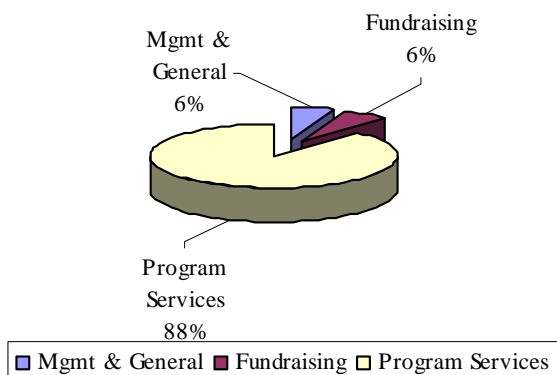
Assets & Liabilities

CLS has \$616,751 in assets, *not including* more than \$1,261,565 in temporarily restricted assets, and \$601,749 in liabilities.

Assets & Liabilities



Uses of Funds



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CLS spent 88% of its total revenue on its programs and services in 2006.

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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.

CLS is a national, non-denominational mission-driven 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). CLS achieves its mission by doing the following:

Vision, Mission Statement, Core Value, & Core Purpose

VISION

"Justice at the Foot of the Cross"
Luke 10:42; Matthew 23:23.

MISSION STATEMENT

"To be the national grassroots network of lawyers and law students, associated with others, committed to proclaiming, loving and serving Jesus Christ, through all we do and say in the practice of law, and advocating biblical conflict reconciliation, legal assistance for the poor and the needy, religious freedom and the sanctity of human life."

CORE VALUE

"Being a justice-seeking, Christ-following band of committed, loving friends."

CORE PURPOSE

"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."

- Helping attorneys grow in Christian faith while equipping them for service in the legal marketplace through its Attorney Ministries (*AM*)
- 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 148,000 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 (*LAM*)
- Advocating and promoting biblical conflict reconciliation as a "Partner in Peacemaking" in cooperation with [Peacemaker Ministries](#)

CLS acts through its 30 member Board of Directors; 24-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 more than 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, although they are not lawyers or law students, are interested in CLS' ministries and work.

The **Christian Legal Society (CLS)** was organized October 19, 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 located in Springfield, Virginia (a suburb of Washington D.C.) CLS does not exist to be a legal trade association serving commercial or proprietary interests. CLS is a mission-driven network of legal professionals that 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.



The CLS Statement of Faith

All officers, directors, staff, attorneys, law students 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 principles 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 <http://www.hispeace.org/html/pledge.htm>.



A Cross for the Workplace

At Christian Legal Society, both our lapel pin and our membership certificate suitable for framing display the above 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. By displaying their membership certificate and wearing the Cross in the workplace where we spend most of our time, all CLS members are encouraged “to bear witness of Jesus” (Acts 1:8) offering God’s “grace and peace” to all (Rom.1:7).

1. The Cross is the focus of the logo – it is larger than the scales of justice. God in Christ, not law, is the ultimate focus of attention for the Christian lawyer. The scales of justice stand in the shadow and below the cross, which stands above and behind the scales, showing that for the Christian the virtuous practice of justice grows and proceeds from God’s righteous judgment that Jesus redemptively paid for the sake of all people by virtue of his sacrificial death on the cross.
2. The vertical cross member stands for our right relationship with our loving 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 6:31), Luke 10: 27, and 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 fishermen; nor to the tax collectors; He did not repeat it to anyone else. It was purposely directed at the lawyers!

5. The scale of justice is not only a symbol of the temporal law each lawyer is sworn to uphold and protect. *Romans 13*. The justice scale is also a reminder of the personal righteousness and social justice which 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 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 (‘Immanuel’ (Isa.7:14. Matt. 1:23) - trans. ‘God with Us’), now ever-present with us through His Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:20), 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 now be willing to die to self to obtain Christ. “*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s 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*.

We pray that the *Christian Legal Society* will be a justice-seeking, Christ-following band of committed, loving friends, with each member displaying their CLS membership certificate on their office wall and humbly wearing 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 and encourage one another as each rededicates his or her work to the glory of God, the love of Christ, and the true service of others.

“Behold this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many . . . and for a sign which will be spoken against . . . that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” Luke 2:33-35





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 social 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 bear witness Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8) and following Him by loving and serving our neighbors in the diligent study and ethical practice of law, voluntarily aiding the poor with their legal and spiritual needs ministering to the poor, reconciling people in conflict, and defending life and protecting the religious freedom 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**), Attorney Ministries (**AM**), Legal Aid Ministries (**LAM**), and Law Student Ministries (**LSM**).

Descriptions of these ministries are listed below.

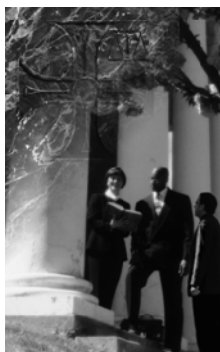


THE CENTER FOR LAW AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM (**CLRF**)

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

ATTORNEY MINISTRIES (**AM**)

For its members, CLS provides spiritual formation and discipleship, chaplaincy, 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 current 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 the students, professors, and law scholars 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 165 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 each year.

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

- To establish vibrant CLS-affiliated student chapters at all of the 196 ABA-accredited law schools 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 (LAM)



CLS' Legal Aid Ministries (LAM) include the legal aid ministries and Christian conciliation (LAM) programs that provide advice and assistance for many of the legal and spiritual needs of the poor, in cooperation with Christian churches and faith-based social service providers as well as a national legal referral service.

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

AFBO V. LEWIS

*AFBO V. BABLITCH,
AFBO V. GRANDHOLM*

The Center successfully challenged the exclusion of religious charities from state charitable campaigns in Florida and Wisconsin. A similar challenge to Michigan's exclusion of religious charities is currently under way.

*CLS CHAPTER AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
UNIV. SCHOOL OF LAW V. WALKER*

At the request of the Center for Law and Religious Freedom and the Alliance Defense Fund, the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit ordered officials at the Southern Illinois University to reinstate the Christian Legal Society as an official student organization after University officials revoked the chapter's status and benefits because of its requirement that members be Christians.



*COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY V.
BAKER*

The Center is representing Colorado Christian University in challenging various Colorado state statutes that deny student aid to students attending "pervasively sectarian" schools.

*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 bond financing and other forms of aid for all Christ-centered schools.

GILGOR V. FLETCHER

The Center intervened in a lawsuit supporting University of the Cumberlands, a Christ-centered college in Kentucky, which had been awarded state funding for capital improvements. A homosexual rights activist challenged the grant because of the college's religious affiliation and because it enforced its policy prohibiting homosexual conduct...

BETA Upsilon CHI V. UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

The University of Georgia reversed its original refusal and agreed to recognize Beta Upsilon Chi, a Christian fraternity, as an official student organization two days after the Center filed suit against the University for violating the group's constitutional rights.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA V. U.S.

The Center represents healthcare professionals in intervening in a federal suit in the Ninth Circuit

Court of Appeals, asking the Court to uphold the Weldon Amendment, which protects healthcare professional's rights to refuse to perform procedures that violate their consciences.

NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ASSOCIATION V. GONZALES

The Center represented healthcare professionals in a challenge to the Weldon Amendment in the Washington D.C. federal circuit court.

“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 six cases during 2006-2007

- *GONZALES V. CARHART (AND ITS COMPANION CASE GONZALES V. PLANNED PARENTHOOD)*

The Center filed two amicus briefs urging the Supreme Court of the U. S. to uphold the federal ban on partial birth abortion.

- *HEIN VV. FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION*

The Center urged the Court to conclude that the Freedom from Religion Foundation lacked taxpayer standing to challenge faith-based organizations' rights to participate equally in government-funded social service. The Court held that the Foundation lacked standing.

- *SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY V. MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION*

The Missouri Supreme Court declared that the City of St. Louis did not violate the state constitution's "Blaine Amendment" when it made low cost bonds available to a religious university. The Center filed an amicus brief supporting the City.

- *MORSE V. FREDERICK*

The Center filed an amicus brief challenging school districts' desire for more power to suppress student speech that conflicted with the school's message. The brief highlighted the probability that such a ruling would allow schools to suppress religious speech.

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 Association of Gospel Rescue Mission [AGRM] 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 (**LAM**), including a directory of project sites, project endorsement, and a narrative description of its services, please visit CLS' website at <http://www.clsnet.org/laccPages/index.php>.

Following is a summary listing of CLS' Legal Aid Ministries' 2006-2007 accomplishments:

- Distributed Legal Aid Ministries Program resources and training materials to more than 950 Legal Aid Ministries Program volunteers serving in 57 CLS sponsored programs in 28 states and 49 cities and 4 countries where more than 7,800 individuals and families receive help annually amounting to more than 31,000 volunteer hours, valued to be worth an estimated \$5.6 million dollars.
- For every dollar donated to LAM more than \$45 in in-kind free legal services are provided by LAM volunteer attorneys and law students.
- 950 persons or organizations are now on the Legal Aid Ministries Program mailing list.
- Conducted the 9th Annual Legal Aid Ministries Program National Recruitment and Training Conference on November 1-4, 2007 in Destin, FL.
- 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 57 to 150 covering all 50 states, the number of trained lawyer and law student volunteers from 950 to 1,950 and the number of "without charge" legal service hours annually provided, to over 100,000 by Dec. 31, 2012.



Geographic Scope

CLS has member attorneys 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 57 Christian legal aid projects, in 28 states and 49 cities and 4 countries for an estimated 7,800 individuals and families that annually receive in the aggregate more than 31,000 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 Legal Aid Ministries section of CLS' website at www.clsnet.org.



Law Student Ministries

CLS is committed to supporting and encouraging students to be truly faithful followers of Jesus Christ. For further information, please visit CLS' website at <http://www.clsnet.org/lsmPages/index.php>. CLS' Law Student Ministries accomplishments for 2005-2006 are the following:

- Student membership in CLS has increased from 240 in 1996 to over 900 in 2007, while the number of non-member students attending weekly on-campus LSM activities has grown to over 2,200.
- 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.
- 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 November 2007 [National Student Leadership Convention \(NSLC\)](#), held in Destin, FL, was attended by 130 law students, and 15 spouses, representing 75 law schools, highlighted by the address of Jamie Lash, Director of Student Development at Dallas Baptist University.
- CLS' [Institute for Christian Legal Studies \(ICLS\)](#), under the leadership of Professor Michael Schutt, held its 5th Annual [Christian Legal 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 under the theme banner of "*Christianity and the Rule of Law.*"
- 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." ICLS just published the third volume in the "Biblical Tradition and the Law Study Series," a study entitled "Redeeming Law: *Christian Calling and the Legal Profession.*" Already widely available via Amazon.com, copies have been provided to all of CLS' attorney membership.
- 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. This active expansion continues to effect the LSM three-fold ministry at 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.
- Participation in *CLRF* blog.

Attorney Ministries (*AM*)



- 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 *AM* web pages.



Legal Aid Ministries (*LAM*)

- 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 *LAM* 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 30 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 actively working to do its part in the advancing and protecting the sanctity of life in America from conception to natural death, through its’ multi-faceted *Law of Life* Project.
- 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’ Attorney Ministries* 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.
- For further success stories and highlights see www.clsnet.org



Conferences

We are very thankful for more than 400 attorneys, law students, jurists and law scholars that joined us for the 2007 CLS National Conference at the *Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa*, November 1-4, 2007!. And, although not the largest, it was one of the best Conferences CLS has ever held!

Now, we strongly encourage you to *mark your calendars* and plan to join us for the 2008 Global Convocation, hosted jointly by Advocates International and Christian Legal Society, to be held at the *Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill*, October 5-12, 2008! With more than 1,500 legal professionals from 150 countries around the world, it will be the largest gathering of Christian attorneys ever! Make plans now to be a part of this unprecedented international gathering in Washington, DC! Join us for the entire week!

2008 Global Convocation

October 5-12, 2008

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill



Conference Theme: Redeeming Law: *Christian Calling and the Legal Profession*

Bible Study Leader – Lynn R. Buzzard, Professor of Law, Campbell University and Chairman of the Board of Advocates International.

Plenary Speakers:

- *Thursday:* TBD
- *Friday AM:* TBD
- *Friday PM:* TBD
- *Saturday:* TBD
- *Sunday:* TBD

PLUS: A host of workshop speakers and panelists participating in the Convocation in the areas of family life, spiritual formation and continuing legal education. More information to follow soon! Join us!

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 James A. Davids, Virginia Beach, VA. The Executive Director & CEO reports to the Chairman of the Board and serves 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 the CLS website:

http://www.clsnet.org/clsPages/bod/listing_bod.php

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (EX OFFICIO MEMBERS)

JAMES A. DAVIDS., *PRESIDENT & CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD;*
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SCHOOL OF LAW,
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CARSON, MESSINGER, ELLIOTT,
LAUGHLIN & RAGIN
PHOENIX, AZ



Above: CLS' Board of Directors (Beginning at bottom left, from left to right on each row):

(Seated) Timothy Belz, Craig Shultz (*President-Elect*), Candace McCune, LeClair Flaherty, James A. Davids (*President & Chairman of the Board*), Annie White, Eugene Fahrenkrog (*Past President*), Samuel Casey (*Executive Director & CEO*), Janet LaRue, Kenneth Simon; (Standing) Andrew Toles, Prof. Carl Esbeck, Robert Showers, Brent Amato, Randy Singer, Roger Brooks, Frederick Claybrook, Tim Klink, Raymond Dague, John Mauck, Wallace Larson (*Treasurer*), Peter Rathbun (*Secretary*), Samuel Ericsson, Case Hoogendoorn, Stephen Tuggy.

Not pictured: [Timothy Houseal, Steffen Johnson, Honorable Carla Moore, Terry Parker, David Simpson]

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 33rd 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

Below: CLS currently has a total of 24 paid staff. Of these, 22 are full-time and 2 are part-time. (Not all current staff members are pictured below.) CLS is also blessed with several volunteers who supplement the active paid staff.



CLS STAFF

Following is an alphabetical listing of CLS’ current staff members:

- Steven Aden, *Chief Litigation Counsel, CLRF*

- Phillip L. Anderson, *Director of Development*
- Rev. Philip Ashley, *CLS Chaplain* (not pictured)
- Gregory S. Baylor, *Director, CLRF*
- Katelin Beer, *Legal Assistant*
- Glandion Carney, *Senior Chaplain*
- Jill L. Casey, *Executive Assistant to the Executive Director & CEO*
- Samuel B. Casey, *Executive Director & CEO*
- Kimberlee W. Colby, *Senior Legal Counsel, CLRF* (not pictured)
- Isaac Fong, *Staff Attorney*
- Jackie Fuller, *Bookkeeper/Accounting Assistant* (Finance)
- Cindy Garver, *Legal Referral Coordinator*
- Colleen Holmes, *Operations manager - CLRF*
- Dan Kim, *LSM Manager* (not pictured)
- David J. Lee, *Chief Operating Officer*
- Casey Mattox, *Litigation Counsel, CLRF*
- Margaret J. Mayberry, *Human Resources & Administrative Assistant* (not pictured)
- Brent McBurney, *Director of Legal Aid Ministries*
- David Nammo, *Director, Membership Ministries and LSM Ministries*
- Gretchen Nutz, *Paralegal* (not pictured)
- Brian K. Patlen, *Membership Services Information Manager*
- Timothy Potter, *Membership Services Administrative Assistant*
- Professor Michael Schutt, *Director of the Institute of Christian Legal Studies.*
- Timothy Tracey, *Staff Counsel, CLRF* (not pictured)

VOLUNTEERS

Innumerable volunteers serve in every capacity through CLS: from law-student mentoring to administrative needs to serving as chapter leaders, chaplains, 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 • North American Missions Board (Southern Baptist Convention) http://www.namb.net/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken Behr, 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: 45 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 and a half 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 148,000 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 please visit <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 national 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 national organizations are as follows:

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

Offices and Facilities

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

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clshq@clsnet.org
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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 pdf format located at:

<http://www.clsnet.org/clsPages/financials/annualReports/2006annualRpt.pdf>. This specific page of CLS' website is designed specifically to meet the needs of a donor audience potentially interested in CLS' advancement. For information concerning the making of donations of any kind to CLS in general, or to any of its specific ministries, please contact Phillip L. Anderson, *Director of Development* at the above address and telephone number - extension 3204.

FINANCES

Operating Statement

Total revenue received by CLS in 2006 was more than \$2.81 million, including temporarily restricted revenues of \$(1,261,565). Approximately \$1.65 million was received as contributions from donors, and the balance was received from membership fees, fees for service, conference revenues and investments. CLS' largest expenditures were wages and benefits (48.1% of total expenditure) and Occupancy (14.8%).

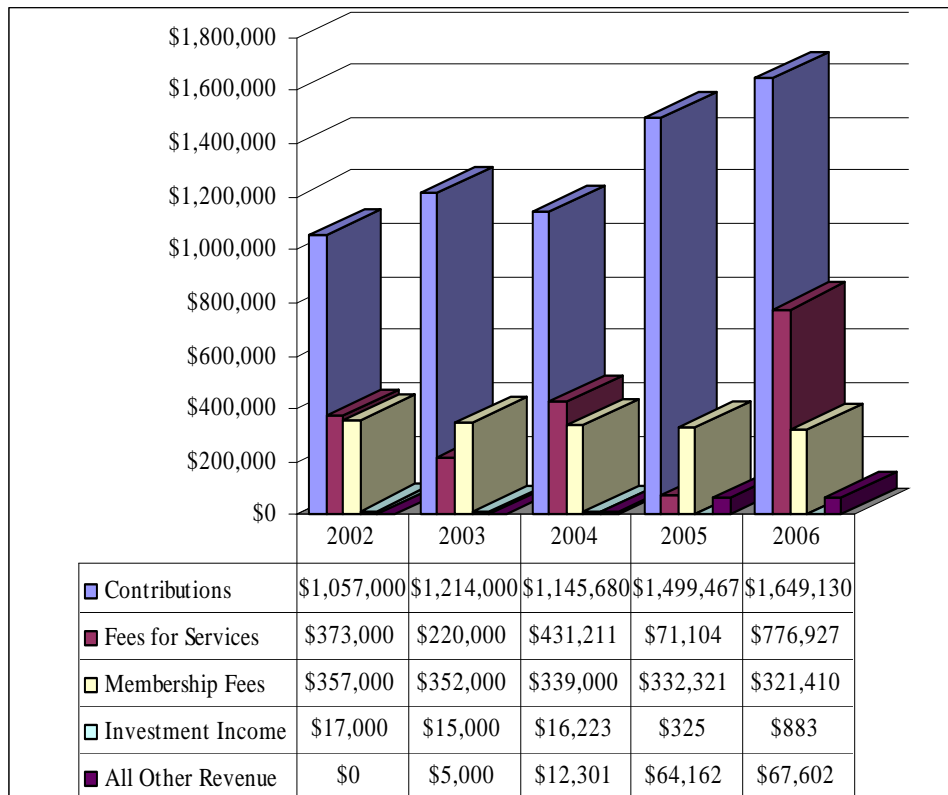
TOTAL REVENUE

Recast into Federal Form 990 categories.

2006 is the latest year for which financial information is available. The total revenue figures, given Form 990 categories, include in-kind contributions of \$40,250.

The total revenue figures, given Form 990 categories, do not include \$511,212 of temporarily restricted revenues as shown in CLS' audited financial statements.

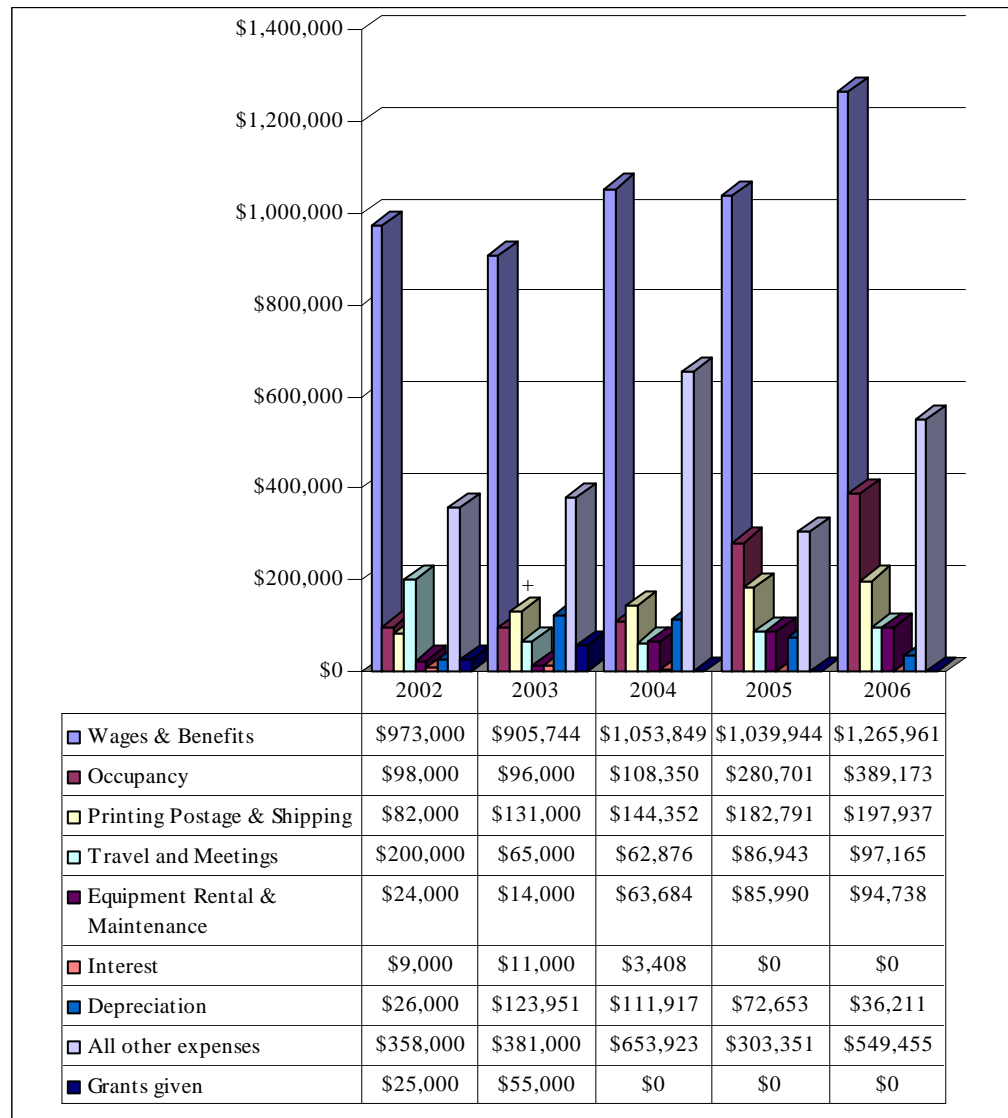
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TOTAL EXPENSES

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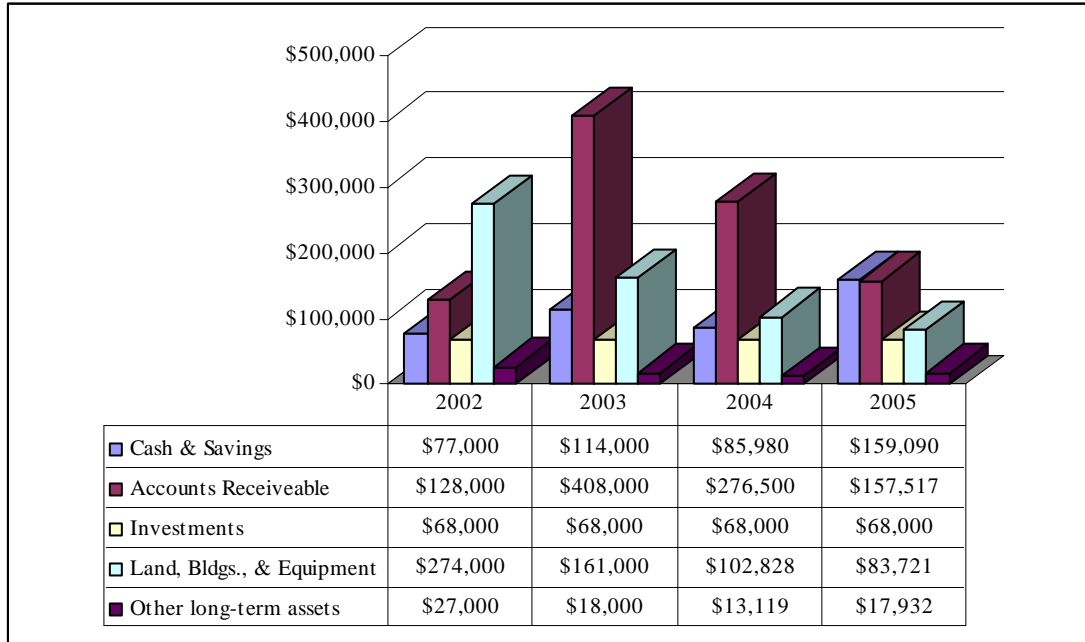
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Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2006, **CLS** has \$616,751 in assets and \$601,748 in liabilities.



TOTAL ASSETS

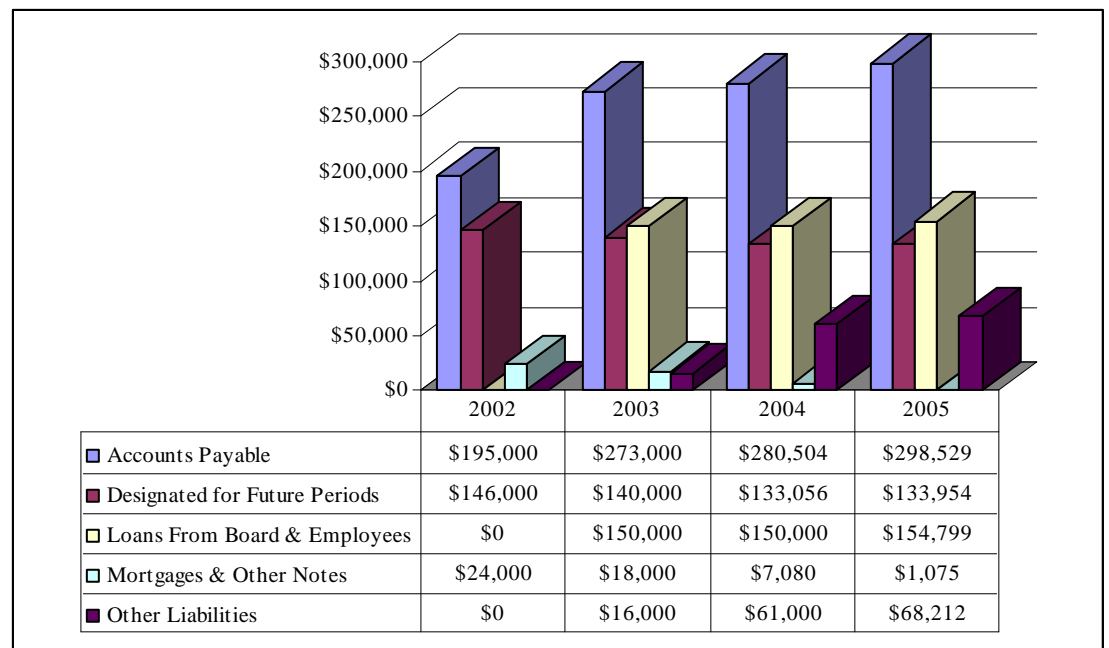
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TOTAL LIABILITIES

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As with the Operating Statement, all figures in this section were extracted from an analysis of 2006 federal Form 990 tax returns filed with the IRS by CLS to certify its tax-exempt status.



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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	2005	DESCRIPTION
PROGRAM SERVICES RATIO	88%	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	55%	Percentage of net assets that have not been restricted by donor designation for a particular use or project, a measure of flexibility.
DONOR DEPENDENCY RATIO	59%	Revenue derived from public contributions divided by total revenues, expresses a measure of the organization's dependence on donors.
CURRENT RATIO	1.03	Current assets divided by current liabilities, expressed as a ratio, a measure of ability to weather short-term stress.
DEBT RATIO	9.4%	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.

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 (38,668)
- Foundations (115)
- Corporations (448)
- Churches (450).

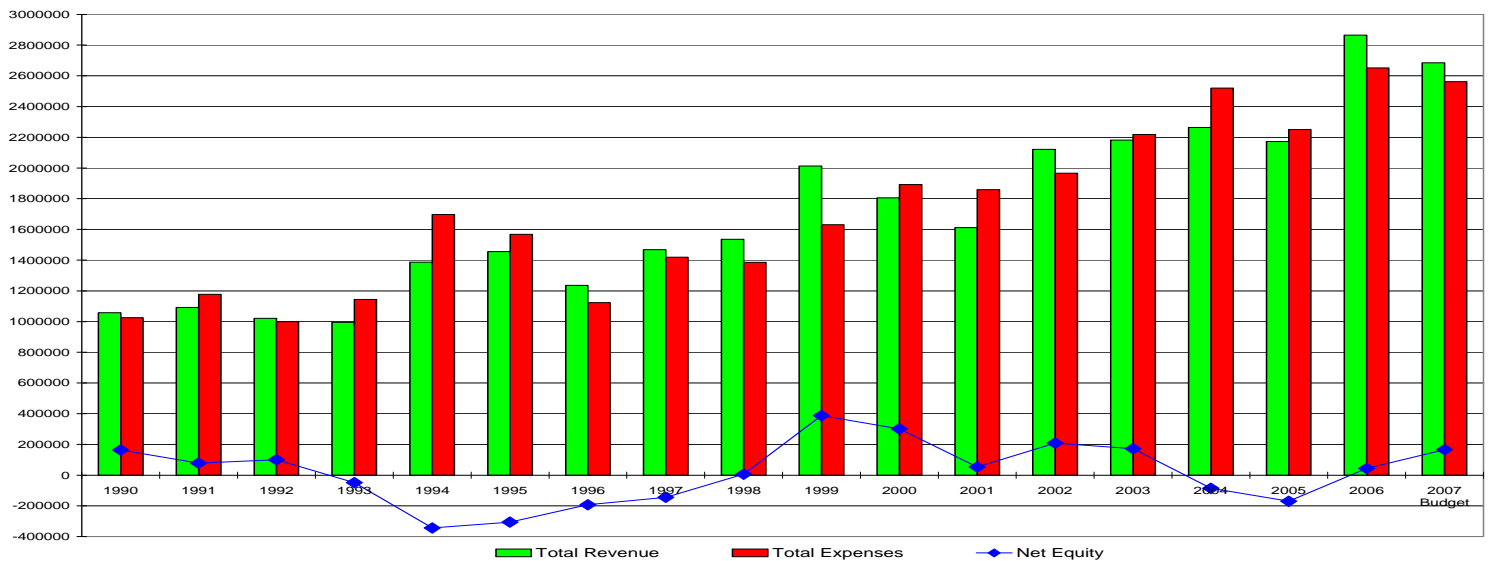
Funding Methods

About 59% 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 # 12042*)
- State Employee Charitable Appeals (*SECAs*)

Financial Performance 1990 - 2006 Plus 2007 Budget



The information set forth in the financial performance graph above is taken from CLS' audited financial statements, which include temporarily restricted 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' 2005 audited financial statements are available online at <http://www.clsnet.org>. 2006 audited financials will be available early in the 2nd quarter 2007.

Since 1998, CLS' financial performance has been stable, featuring a positive net equity (with exception of 2004 and 2005) and revenues growing from \$1.5 million to over \$2.8 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 2004, **CLS** budgeted slightly less revenue and expense in 2003 and 2004 while still maintaining all of its ministry activities. 2005 was impacted heavily by the unrecoverable costs associated with the cancellation of the National Conference because of damage by Hurricane Wilma. This dip in revenue in the 4th quarter 2005 has been more than offset in the record performance of 2006.

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. With the inbound attorney fee awards and the sale of the land in 2007, CLS will be completely debt free by year-end 2007!

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 2006 financial statements and the IRS 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 Guidestar and other independent sources 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>46 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 (historic) for first and second quarters 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 93 MORE LEGAL AID MINISTRIES CLINICS capable of providing over 100,000 legal service hours per year to over 23,000 poor and needy people by training and mobilizing 1,950 lawyer and law student volunteers.</p> <p>END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FAITH-BASED SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS by Co-sponsor legislation and test-case 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 50 attorney chapters so that CLS covers every major city, all 50 states, and every law school growing to a membership of at least 10,000.</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 2006 and 2007, *CLS* completed its new strategic and capacity-building vision for the ten-year period 2007-2017. *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 2007, *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 2007 and 2008, 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.
8. Seeking to protect the rights of women harmed by abortion.

LEGAL AID MINISTRIES



In addition to handling approximately 250 legal referral contacts per week, *CLS'* Legal Aid Ministries plans to work on the following strategic objectives beginning in 2007 and 2008:

1. Raising the revenues needed to continue compensating our full-time national director; hiring an administrative assistant; hiring a Web information officer of *CLS'* Legal Aid Ministries Program; and fully funding the Legal Referral Hotline as a full time 24/7 position.
2. Increasing local Legal Aid Ministries Program projects from 57 to 65, and the number of trained law students and volunteer attorneys from 950 to 1,100.

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 2007-2008:

1. Adding 10 more law student chapters;
2. Increasing law student membership by 15% (from 800 to 900) and the number of non-member students served from 2,200 to 3,000;
3. **CLS** will hold its 19th Annual National Law Student Convention (**NLSC**) in Destin, Florida, November 1-4, 2007, which **CLS** expects to be attended by 230 law student leaders representing at least 75 out of the 196 ABA-accredited law schools;
4. **CLS'** Institute for Christian Legal Studies (**ICLS**) will hold its 5th annual Christian Legal Scholars Symposium, in conjunction with the **NSLC**, which **CLS** expects to be attended by 100 law professors and law scholars representing 50 law schools.

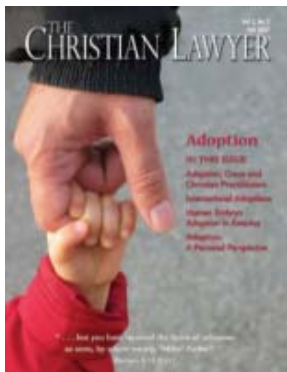
ATTORNEY MINISTRIES



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 2007 and 2008, CLS expects to initiate or continue the following strategic initiatives:

1. 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.
2. CLS will conduct its annual National Conference in Destin, FL, from November 1-4, 2007, where it expects to minister to approximately 700+ legal professionals;
3. 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, and its new magazine, *THE CHRISTIAN LAWYER*



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 12,000 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 3,000 active members in over 1,100 cities (including all the nation's major cities), in 50 states and 25 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. A total of 12,000 Christian attorneys have signed *CLS*' Statement of Faith.
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: \$77,500 by December 31, 2007, and a total of \$250,000 by December 31, 2008.

PROJECT STATUS: 31% complete.

THE LEGAL AID MINISTRIES (LAM) 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 Program 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: \$100,000-for completion by December 31, 2007.

PROJECT STATUS: 80% 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 \$2.1 million dollars during the period January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2017 (between \$250,000 - \$500,000 per year), it can build its Christian legal aid network up to 150 sites, involving up to 1,950 attorney and paralegal volunteers, rendering in excess of 100,000 legal service hours to the poor and needy without charge. These volunteer hours (calculated with an average billable rate of \$175 per attorney per hour) will have a fair market value of at least \$32,000,000. In other words, CLS estimates that for every dollar donated, it will be able to provide an average of nearly \$11 of pro bono legal service to the poor and the needy without charge.

COST: \$2.49 million for completion by December 31, 2017.

PROJECT STATUS: 15% complete.

Further details on the scope of the Project may be found in the Legal Aid Ministries Section at www.clsnet.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, the National Foundation for Life, the Christian Medical and Dental Society, to employ CLRF attorneys and a paralegal (and/or outside co-counsel) on an as-needed basis to advance the culture of life from conception to natural death

These attorneys will also support in Congress, the states, and in the courts an end to legalized elective abortion in favor of adoption (including human embryo adoption), the work of pregnancy resource centers, the protection of the health care right of conscience, the protection of the constitutional right to life of disabled persons, a statutory ban on physician-assisted suicide, a statutory ban on 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 cryo-preserved in more than 300 IVF clinics in the U.S.

COST: \$1,000,000 annually when fully funded

PROJECT STATUS: 10% funded

THE INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN LEGAL STUDIES (*ICLS*)

THE CLS MARKET PLACE MINISTRIES PROJECT: PROVIDING SPIRITUAL CARE AND RENEWAL IN THE LEGAL MARKETPLACE

It is estimated by pollsters George Gallup and George Barna that no more than 100,000 of the more than 1,116,000 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, 2017.

PROJECT STATUS: 10% complete.

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 200 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*' 150 law school chapters around

the U.S.

Without this project, America's more than 148,000 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 December 31, 2008.

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.

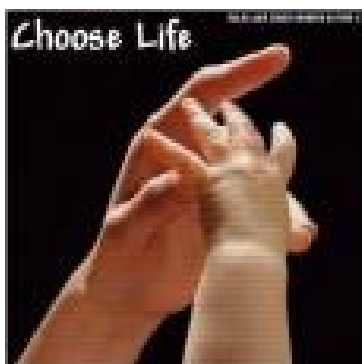
In 2007, *CLS* focused on the following four project elements:

- **Ending Unconstitutional Discrimination by Public Universities Against Christian Student Groups under the guise of University “Nondiscrimination” Rules**
- **Ending Discrimination Against Faith-based Social Service Providers**
- **Securing Access by Christian Schools to Tax-Exempt Bond Financing and Other Forms of Aid**
- **Defending Pro-Life Health Care Providers against Discrimination and Retaliation for the exercise of the health care rights of conscience.**

Using its current staff of six attorneys and other *CLS* volunteers, *CLS* is currently involved in nine pending actions involving one or more of the above project elements. *CLS* anticipates becoming involved in at least 12-15 more such actions within the next year. To do so, *CLS* will need to hire at least one more experienced attorney and paralegal. The funds will be used principally to pay the salaries of lawyers and support staff engaged in *CLS'* Center for Law and Religious Freedom.

PROJECT STATUS: \$400,000 of the needed \$800,000 has been obtained or pledged to date.

COST: \$800,000 annually ongoing.



THE LAW OF LIFE PROJECT: ADVANCING A CULTURE OF LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH THROUGH LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Whether Americans realize it or not we are in a period of social and legal ferment as we struggle to determine how our laws will shape and direct our life and death decisions. The overarching goal of the Project and its long-term impact will be “an America in which every human being from conception to natural death is protected in law and welcomed in life,” even when that “human being” becomes old or disabled and is threatened with euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide.

In 2005-2006, in addition to obtaining an initial seed money of \$100,000 to retain a development consultant to raise the initial \$1,000,000 needed to fund the project annually. *CLS* is focused on the following five project elements of the Law of Life Project

- Advance in Congress and the several states, through legislative, administrative and legal case advocacy, the elements of *The Life Protective Proposal of Law re Living Human Embryos* designed to eventually ban all forms of human cloning; ban or strictly limit destructive human embryo research; promote life-saving human embryo adoption, ban the patenting of human life forms, and promote stem cell research using stem cells from adult donors, human cord blood, and placental tissue (\$50,000/year).¹
- The defense of state “informed consent” and ultimately “ban” legislation, by intervening in the litigation defending the legislation, to end legal protection for elective abortion by undermining each element of the reasoning and policy justifications set forth in *Roe v. Wade* and its progeny, emphasizing the fact that abortion harms women fundamentally impairing the woman’s fundamental right to a relationship with her child (\$650,000/year).²
- Provide the legal and legislative advocacy and public education support needed to defend the health care right of conscience in court and also enact model Health Care Right of

¹ CLS has already successfully assisted the passage of a human cloning ban in the Iowa legislature (*Human Cloning Prohibition Act, SF 2118*) that was signed by Governor Vilsack on April 26, 2002 (effective July 1, 2002), and has also drafted the comprehensive human cloning prohibition ban that passed the South Carolina House of Representatives and the South Carolina Senate, but was defeated by one vote in the conference committee.

² See *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), *Doe v. Bolton*, 410 U.S. 179 (1973), *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, 505 U.S. 833 (1992) and *Stenberg v. Carhart*, 530 U.S. 914 (2000). In furtherance of this objective, CLS has taken a leading role in the Culture of Life Leadership Council’s development of a strategic plan that envisions an “America with an authentic and lasting culture of life.” In *McCorvey v. Hill*, 385 F. 3rd 846 (5th Cir. 2004), *cert. denied*, 125 S. Ct. 1387 (2005). By filing a “friend of the court” brief on its own behalf and assisting in the preparation of a second friend of the court brief on behalf of the largest women’s pregnancy care organizations in the country, CLS has also already assisted the Justice Foundation’s efforts to re-open the record in the original case of *Roe v. Wade* pursuant to a FRCP 60(b) motion by the original plaintiff in the case, Norma McCorvey, requesting the record in her case be reopened and judgment entered relieving her from the prospective application of the Court’s judgment on the ground that changed legal and factual circumstances render the further prospective application of that judgment unjust.

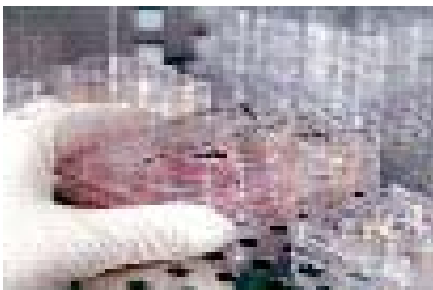
Conscience legislation at both the federal and state levels as a necessary "opt-out" of mandated health care laws and treatment or research protocols **(\$100,000/year)**.³

- Provide legal and public education support needed to mobilize and guide the volunteer attorneys needed defend pregnancy resource centers (PRCs) in key states from false and politically-motivated private or governmental claims alleging the unauthorized practice of medicine, false advertising, or unfair business practices **(\$50,000/year)**.⁴
- Provide administrative expenses for the further development and maintenance of the HLA portion of the CLS web site designed to provide public education and distribute legal resources on the *Law of Life Project* **(\$10,000/year)**, see www.clsnet.org.
- Provide legal and public education support needed to mobilize and guide the volunteer attorneys needed to defend disabled persons who lack the legal advocacy they need to protect their constitutional right to life, including nutrition and water **(\$100,000/year)**.⁵
- Provide legal and educational support needed to support the enactment of the proposed *Pain Relief Promotion Act* in Congress and the enforcement of the *Controlled Substances Act* in opposition to physician-assisted suicide that is currently permitted under state law in Oregon and is being proposed in many other states. **(\$50,000/year)** ⁶
- Monitor and oppose in Congress and in the federal courts any proposal of the Department of Health And Human Services/National Institute for Health to federally fund destruction of human embryos for research purposes in a manner that is contrary to law and ethical practice **(included at no additional charge)**.

PROJECT STATUS: 10% funded, now seeking balance of funding, including initial seed money of \$100,000 to retain full-time development consultant to raise the annual \$1,000,000 budget

COST: \$1,000,000 annually on an on-going basis, when fully funded,

A complete project proposal will be provided upon request.



³ CLS is defending pharmacists in Wisconsin and Illinois and has already organized a national working group, The Health Care Right of Conscience Working Group, is assisting in the drafting of remedial federal and state legislation, and is working in the states to judicially enjoin mandated contraceptive and abortifacient prescription and medical device insurance coverage laws that have either been adopted or are about to be adopted in those states.

⁴ CLS has defended PRCs in New York and Maryland, and anticipates soon having to provide PRC defense in California.

⁵ CLS is providing counsel PRCs in New York and Maryland, and anticipates soon having to provide PRC defense in California.

⁶ In 2001-2002, CLS has already provided testimony and legal analyses in support of the enactment of the *Pain Relief Promotion Act*. CLS has prepared and filed a "friend of the Court" brief to in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal in Oregon v. Ashcroft supporting Attorney General Ashcroft's authority to rescind the federal license to prescribe controlled substances held by any doctor who assists his or her patient to commit suicide. A similar brief will soon be filed in the United States Supreme Court.

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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).

On or before December 31, 2007, *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.

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*' Legal Aid 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*.



About this report . . .

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