



Orthodox Christian Attorney Gathering

Newport Beach Marriott Hotel

October 28, 2017



Judge Thomas A. Varlan

Chief Judge of the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee



- ~ Appointed to the federal bench by President George W. Bush in 2003 (the first federal judge for the region was appointed by President George Washington)
- ~ Partner, Bass, Berry & Sims
- ~ Law Director, City of Knoxville
- ~ Sutherland, Asbil & Brennan, Atlanta
- ~ Judge Varlan has presided over more than 3,419 civil cases and 1,124 criminal cases
- ~ J.D. Vanderbilt University (Editor in Chief - Vanderbilt Law Journal)
- ~ B.A. University of Tennessee



Being an Orthodox Christian Attorney: Integrating Faith and the Practice of Law in America Today

**“For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will
be required.”**

Luke 12:48

**2017 Christian Legal Society
Orthodox Lawyer Symposium**



Judge E. R. (Ray) Lanier



- ~ General Counsel, Orthodox Church in America
- ~ Professor of Law, Emeritus, Georgia State University
- ~ Adjunct Professor, Savannah Law School
- ~ Past President, Georgia Council of Municipal Court Judges
- ~ Judge Pro Tem, Norcross (Georgia) Municipal Court
- ~ J.D. Emory University School of Law
- ~ LL.M. University of Georgia
- ~ M.S. Georgia State University
- ~ M.A. Georgia College & State University
- ~ M.A. in Theology University of Balamand (Beirut, Lebanon)
- ~ A.B. University of North Carolina

Leon Lysaght

- ~ Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy
- ~ Professor of Law, University of Windsor Law School.
- ~ Lecturer of law and jurisprudence at Queen's University of Belfast
- ~ Teaching Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania
- ~ Taught in 5 Universities in 3 countries in 2 continents
- ~ Private practice in Montana
- ~ J.D. University of Chicago School of Law
- ~ B.A. Whitman College



Bill Marianes



- ~ Chief Evangelist– StewardshipCalling.com
- ~ Managing Partner (Atlanta) - McGuire Woods, LLP
- ~ Practice Group Leader, Executive Committee and Partner – Troutman Sanders LLP

- ~ J.D. Emory University School of Law
- ~ M.B.A. Emory University Goizueta Business School
- ~ Leadership Institute Certificate – Northwestern University Graduate School of Business Administration
- ~ B.A. Northwestern University



WHY Are You Here ?





**“That the end of
our lives may be
Christian,
without pain,
blameless and
peaceful,
and for a
GOOD ACCOUNT
BEFORE THE
AWESOME
JUDGMENT
SEAT OF
CHRIST”**



What Is One of Your Biggest Challenges?

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- Entropy
- Everything in the universe eventually moves from order to disorder (*entropy* measures that change)
- If you don't make positive changes you will get negative changes



**“Leaders of a Church
will either be risk
takers, caretakers or
undertakers.”**



**Pastor Rick
Warren**



**What Instructions Did
Jesus Christ Give His
Disciples?**



Christ's Great Commission



**“Go therefore and make
disciples of all the
nations”**

Matthew 28:19



Christ's Great Commission Instructions



“...and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”





Your Great Commission Witness Map



The Ends of the Earth

**Samaria is
only about
35 miles
North of
Jerusalem**



**Newport
Beach, CA
is only
about 7,588
miles West
of
Jerusalem**



A Provocative Thought About Your Personal Jerusalem



- What if YOUR Jerusalem is wherever YOU are ?
- How are YOU doing at making Disciples in YOUR Jerusalem?





A Provocative Thought About Your WORK Jerusalem





Living Your Faith In A Secular Jerusalem

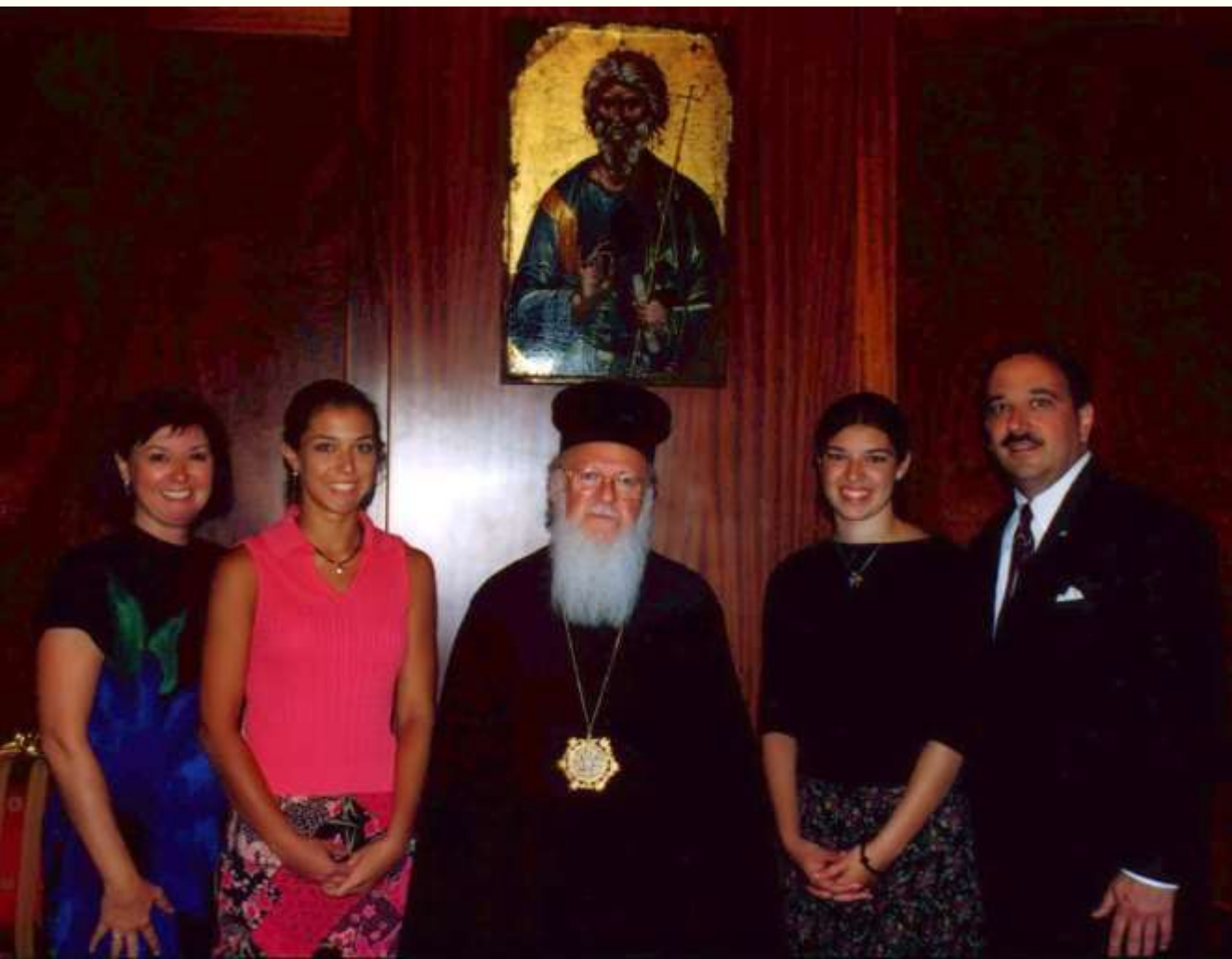
**(my time as a Global Law Firm
Office Managing Partner)**



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1. Family and Friend Photos





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2. Office Art





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**3. The question everyone asks you,
but no one cares about your answer**





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4. The Brands You Wear

My official law firm photo



**Archons of the Ecumenical
Patriarch – Defenders of
the Faith**

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4. The Brands You Wear (part II)

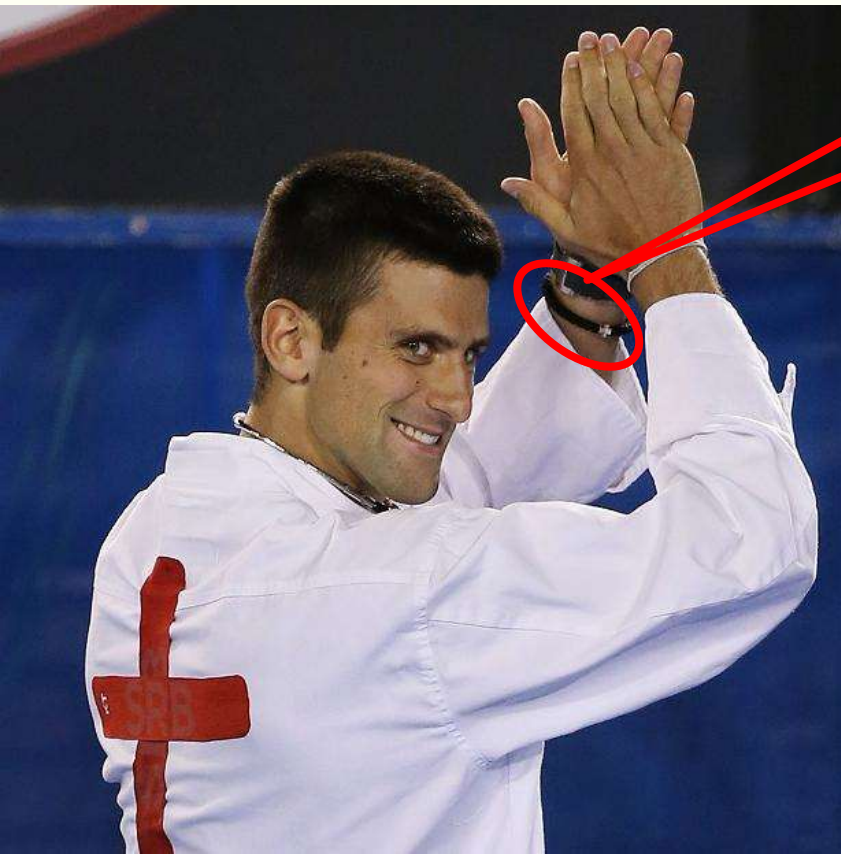


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4. The Brands You Wear

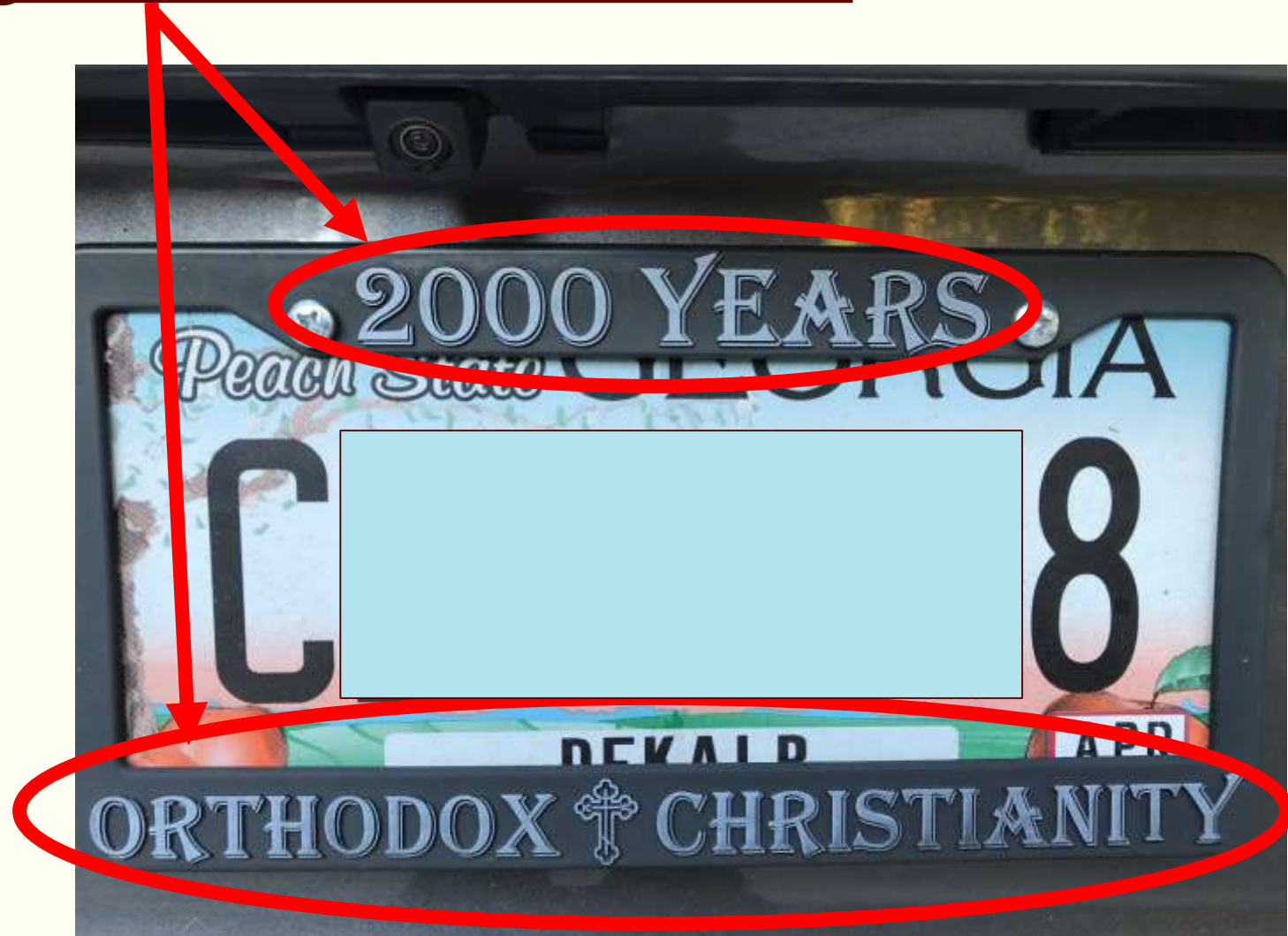


Novak Djokovic
**Serbian professional
tennis player ranked
No. 1 in the world in
men's singles tennis**



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5. Your License Plate



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6. Your Clients/Matters/Causes/Boards

- ~ Clients/Causes/Matters that are controversial for your faith (Episcopal breakaway parishes cases)**
- ~ Clients/Causes/Matters that are inconsistent with your faith (health care facilities that also perform abortions)**
- ~ Boards for causes or agencies that are inconsistent with your faith (United Way - Planned Parenthood)**

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7. Your Pro Bono (personal and institutional)

~ Service to Christ's church



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8. Your Social Media Presence

- ~ What do you post/like/retweet/forward on social media or electronically that speaks to your faith?**
- ~ What do you comment on (or fail to comment on) in social media that speaks to your faith?**

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9. The Next Generation

**“Train up a child in the
way he should go, and
when he is old he will not
depart from it.”**

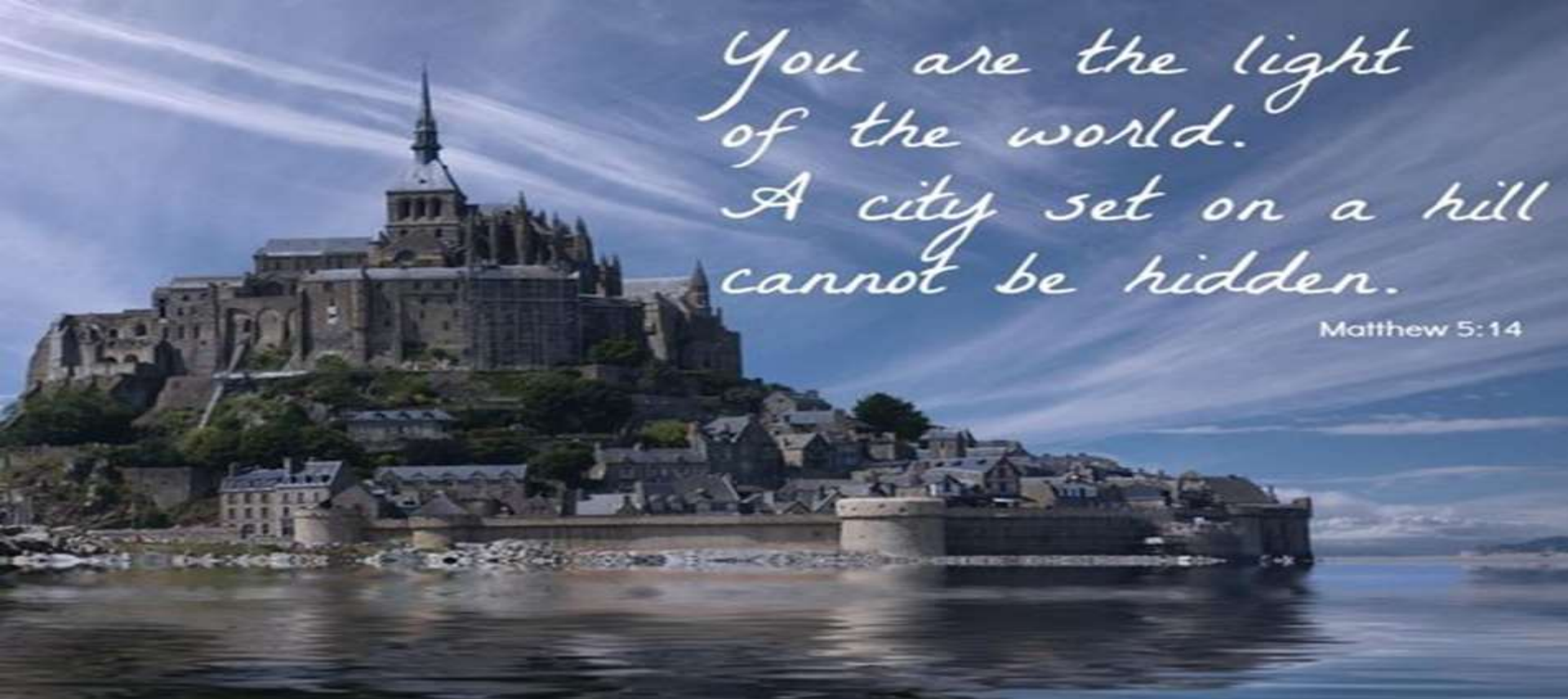
(Proverbs 22:6)

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9. The Next Generation

~ “The greatest single influence on youth and emerging adults is their PARENTS” - what they taught them and the behaviors they modeled

The National Study of Youth and Religion and The Science of Generosity Studies (the largest and longest-running empirical studies of youth and emerging adults)



*You are the light
of the world.
A city set on a hill
cannot be hidden.*

Matthew 5:14

- ~ What messages are you broadcasting about your faith as an Orthodox lawyer?**
- ~ Are you making disciples in your Jerusalem**





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Living Your Calling, the Separation of Church and State and the Future of the Orthodox Church in the U.S.

Sunday 10-29-17

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**AND NOW BACK TO
OUR REGULARLY
SCHEDULED
PROGRAMMING**

***You have
now been
called as
one of
the 70
Disciples***

Luke 10:1

