



# **CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY**

CHRISTIAN LEGAL AID  
CENTER FOR LAW AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM  
LAW STUDENT MINISTRIES  
ATTORNEY MINISTRIES

**2015  
ANNUAL  
REPORT**

# *About* **CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY**

Christian Legal Society (CLS) is a nationwide fellowship of Christians committed to acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with their God (Micah 6:8).

Founded in 1961, CLS defends the religious liberties of all Americans in the legislatures and the courts and serves those most in need in our society through Christian Legal Aid.

By inspiring, encouraging, and equipping Christian lawyers and law students both individually and in community to proclaim, love, and serve Jesus Christ through the study and practice of law, the provision of legal assistance to the poor and needy, and the defense of the inalienable rights to life and religious freedom, we are fulfilling the command of Micah 6:8 and ensuring the next generation of Americans has the same opportunities to share their faith in community.

## **CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY** *Objectives*

- To proclaim Jesus as Lord through all we do;
- To defend the religious liberty of all Americans through the legislatures and courts;
- To defend the religious liberty of students to gather on their campuses as Christian organizations;
- To promote justice for the poor, religious liberty, the sanctity of human life, and biblical conflict resolution;
- To encourage Christian lawyers to view law as a ministry and help them integrate faith and their legal practice;
- To provide Christian lawyers a means of society and fellowship;
- To encourage and disciple Christian law professors and students;
- To provide a forum for discussing issues related to Christianity and the law; and
- To encourage lawyers and law students to serve the poor and needy.

## **CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY** *Ministries*

To fulfill these objectives CLS is made up of four critical ministries:

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LAW STUDENT MINISTRIES

ATTORNEY MINISTRIES

# Welcome **WELCOME**

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Christian Legal Society is the network of Christians engaged in the practice and study of law, dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the legal marketplace through four primary avenues: providing legal assistance for the poor and needy through Christian Legal Aid; defending religious liberty and the sanctity of human life through our Center for Law and Religious Freedom; engaging in campus ministry in law schools from coast to coast; and gathering and challenging lawyers to live “vocationally” where the Lord has placed them.

As we celebrate our 55th year, we cordially invite you to read this annual report of all we accomplished in 2015. It was an incredible year of service for CLS. We helped thousands of churches, nonprofits, and religious schools navigate the changing legal environment. We continued to help thousands of individuals below the poverty line with their legal needs. Our presence on law school campuses and in cities across the country continued to have an impact for Jesus.

At CLS, we believe that there is so much more good we can do for and with one another, never forgetting our Lord’s command to all of us to not neglect “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 Christ in the legal profession.



David Nammo, J.D.  
Executive Director and CEO



H. Robert Showers, J.D.  
President and Chairman of the Board

Christian Legal Society is  
AN ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIANS  
**dedicated to serving Jesus Christ**

through the PRACTICE AND STUDY OF LAW,  
defense of RELIGIOUS FREEDOM,  
and provision of LEGAL AID TO THE NEEDY.



# CHRISTIAN LEGAL AID CLINIC DIRECTORY



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**SEEKING** *justice*  
**WITH THE** *love* **OF GOD**



# RELIGIOUS LIBERTY *Guidance*

2015 brought new challenges in the fight to protect all Americans' religious liberty. Following the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, CLS served thousands of churches, schools, and nonprofit ministries by educating them on the impact of the case on their ministries. CLS was the nation's leader in Religious Liberty Guidance in 2015. CLS webinars provided assistance to churches, schools, and nonprofits nationwide. It also provided critical education to thousands of Americans. By providing these resources for free on the CLS website, CLS continues to educate all Americans on this crucial issue.

## HIGHLIGHTING *Changed Lives*

A homeless man in West Philadelphia was recently able to thank people and businesses that supported him in his time of need. After receiving assistance from Christian Legal Aid to resolve his criminal record, he was able to successfully secure a job and "pay forward" the good will to others in need in his community.

**2015**



*As I trudged through my first year of law school I began to question my career path. The Socratic method, the Rule Against Perpetuities, and general lack of sleep left me exhausted and unmotivated. My law school's Christian Legal Society chapter became my safe haven amidst the challenges of law school. Our weekly meetings offered fellowship and encouragement. Through CLS, my purpose became clear and I realized that I was right where I was supposed to be. -Sarah Murray*

**2015**

A young Seattle widow with a seven-year-old son received Christ during an interview with a Christian Legal Aid lawyer when she sought and received help against a physically-abusive boyfriend. Returning home after the interview, she told her son that he now had a "new mom."

A drug-addicted, homeless ex-waiter received help in getting back his job, a New Testament, and a plan for rebuilding his life from a volunteer Christian Legal Aid lawyer in Honolulu. Later, serving a meal to the volunteer at his restored job on a cruise ship, the waiter said, "I am following Jesus."

# IMPACTING THE *world* FOR *Christ*

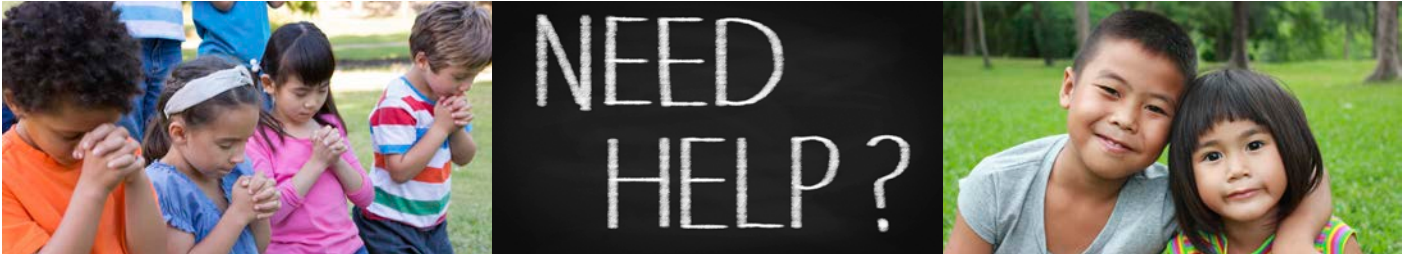
# CHRISTIAN LEGAL AID

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Christian Legal Society's Christian Legal Aid program is a critical ministry that increases access to legal aid services for the poor, the marginalized, and victims of injustice in America. The goal of Christian Legal Aid (CLA) is to meet urgent legal needs of the most vulnerable members of our society, such as housing evictions, wage theft, and domestic abuse.

The overarching objectives of Christian Legal Aid include:

- providing greater access to justice for the poor with the love of Christ;
- inspiring attorneys and law students to participate in providing justice for the poor as part of their Christian growth and walk; and
- providing a Christian witness to the world and the legal community through this service.



## CLINIC TESTIMONIALS

*"CLS and existing CLA ministries across the country came alongside us, allowing us to discuss structure, forms, challenges, funding, insurance, etc. CLS continues to play an integral part of strengthening our network through webinars offered and CLE opportunities specifically for the nonprofit community."*

-Christian Legal Aid Clinic Leader

*"Thank you; it's been invigorating to see a picture of what Christian Legal Aid looks like, and now to be sent on mission to create Christian Legal Aid in my area. Great job on making this; you've just birthed another Christian Legal Aid!"*

-Christian Legal Aid Summit Participant

*"Without CLS we wouldn't be where we are today. It is because of CLS that we got started, hired first staff, did strategic planning, and grew to where we are now."*

-Christian Legal Aid Clinic Leader

*Learn to DO RIGHT, SEEK justice, DEFEND the oppressed,  
TAKE UP the cause of the fatherless, PLEAD the case of the widow.*  
**ISAIAH 1:17**

# LEGAL AID SUMMIT

Approximately 50 Christian legal aid leaders and volunteers from around the country attended the 2015 Legal Aid Summit at the CLS National Conference. Participants had a great time of fellowship and networking. We discussed issues such as "What does it mean to be a Christian Legal Aid Program?" and held workshops on "Starting a Legal Aid Clinic," "Interviewing Low-Income Clients," "Nonprofit Fundraising," "Immigration Law," and "Relief from Collateral Consequences of a Criminal History."

## WEBINAR TRAININGS

We have provided training to about 400 participants through live workshops and through our series of webinars on topics such as "Finding and Applying for Foundation Grants," "Coaching Clients to Represent Themselves," "Spiritual Self-Care for Legal Aid Workers," "Starting a Christian Legal Aid Clinic," and "Starting a 'Low Bono' Law Practice."

## LEGAL CONSULTATIONS

In addition to training attorneys in the operation of CLA clinics, we also provide coaching to attorneys looking to start new Christian legal aid clinics. We are currently assisting fourteen attorneys with potential clinic formation at various stages of development.

## RESOURCES

The CLA monthly newsletter has been revamped to include substantive news and resources for Christian legal aid volunteers around the country. The CLA newsletter readership has increased by about two-thirds in the last year.

CLA also provides a public directory online for the those who are in need of Christian legal aid services.

**CHRISTIAN  
LEGAL AID  
CLINIC  
DIRECTORY**

*Speak up* **FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES,  
FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL WHO ARE DESTITUTE.**

*Speak up and judge fairly,  
DEFEND THE RIGHTS of the poor and the needy.*

**PROVERBS 31:8-9**

# CENTER FOR LAW AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY in the states

### Protecting Religious Students on Campus

**Colorado:** CLS member Theresa Sidebottom testified on behalf of CLS in January before the Colorado Legislature's House Committee on Education in support of campus access legislation for religious groups. CLS also filed a statement in support of the legislation.

**Kansas:** CLS member Craig Schultz testified in March before the Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee on behalf of CLS in support of campus access legislation, SB 175. CLS submitted written statements to both the House and Senate Committees. SB 175 became law in March 2016.

**Missouri:** CLS provided written statements to the Missouri House and Senate Education Committees as they held hearings on campus access and students' religious liberty legislation. Prof. Carl Esbeck, a CLS Board Member, testified at the hearing in both houses in support of the legislation to protect religious groups' access to public university campuses.

### State Religious Freedom Restoration Acts (RFRA)

**Georgia:** Center Director Kim Colby consulted with Georgia legislators regarding a state Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) and other religious liberty protections in Georgia. Kim met with Georgia legislators and also provided a letter for legislators to explain the overall need for a state RFRA.

### RLUIPA (Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act)

**Holt v. Hobbs:** CLS filed an *amicus* brief urging the United States Supreme Court to protect prisoners' religious liberty, which the Court did unanimously.

### Marriage

**Obergefell v. Hodges:** CLS joined an *amicus* brief in support of traditional marriage before the U.S. Supreme Court. CLS urged the court not to redefine marriage, but that if the Court decided to the contrary, to include strong religious liberty protections.



### **Keeping Religious Student Groups on Campus**

**Georgia State University:** A Christian sorority, Sigma Alpha Omega, gained recognition at Georgia State University as an official student organization thanks to CLS' efforts. GSU had refused to recognize the sorority on campus, but CLS persuaded the University to change its position.

**California State University:** The Center helped ReJOYce In Jesus Campus Fellowship regain recognition at the California State University Northridge campus after Cal State had excluded religious groups from its 23 campuses because the groups required their leaders to be Christians.

**Indiana University:** CLS and other campus ministries persuaded Indiana University to postpone implementing a policy that would not allow religious groups to require their leaders to be religious. Indiana U implemented a comment and review period. CLS met with Indiana U administrators to explain why the policy change is unlawful and unwise.

**Concordia Law School (Idaho):** CLS assisted the CLS chapter at Concordia Law School to protect its right to require its leaders to be Christians.

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**  
*campus access*





Center Director Kim Colby testifying before Congress in 2015.

### Congressional Hearings

**House Subcommittee Hearing on Campus First Amendment Issues:** Center Director Kim Colby testified in June before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice at a hearing on “First Amendment Protections on Public College and University Campuses,” explaining the discrimination religious student groups face on college campuses.

**Congressional Subcommittee Hearing on Religious Liberty:** Center Director Kim Colby submitted a written statement in February for the hearing entitled “Oversight of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act” before the House Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. The statement focused on the benefits of RFRA, its history, the Senate effort in July 2014 to make RFRA inapplicable after the Supreme Court’s *Hobby Lobby* decision, and the salient points in the *Hobby Lobby* and *Holt* decisions.

### Federal Legislation

**Runaway and Homeless Youth Act:** CLS successfully opposed language that some Senators sought to add to the RHYA that would have harmed faith-based organizations’ ability to minister to runaway and homeless youth.

**Faith-based organizations that receive federal funding:** CLS joined a comment letter by CLS Board member Prof. Carl Esbeck addressing proposed federal regulations that would regulate faith-based organizations that receive federal funding to provide social services.

**Revisions to the “accommodation” for religious nonprofits and for-profit corporations under the HHS Mandate:** The Center filed a comment letter, criticizing the proposed rule that would apply the “accommodation” for religious nonprofits to for-profit companies as a response to the *Hobby Lobby* decision.

**HHS NPRM regarding sex discrimination and the Affordable Care Act:** CLS joined a letter filed with HHS by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The letter addressed HHS’s proposed rule that would define “sex” discrimination to include “gender identity” and perhaps “sexual orientation.” The letter also urged that HHS include a religious exemption that the prohibition on sex discrimination would not apply to a religious organization if such application would not be consistent with the religious tenets of such organization.

### **Discrimination Against Religious Schools**

*Richardson v. North Carolina*: CLS filed an *amicus* brief in support of North Carolina's new scholarship programs for underprivileged students to attend private schools, including religious schools. The North Carolina Supreme Court upheld the program.

*Douglas County School Dist. v. Taxpayers for Public Education*: CLS filed an *amicus* brief before the U.S. Supreme Court in support of school choice in Colorado.

*Montana Department of Revenue Proposed Rule*: CLS filed a comment letter with the Montana Department of Revenue opposing a proposed rule that would exclude "sectarian" schools from participating in the state's new tax-credit program for donations to school-scholarship organizations.

### **Equal Access**

*Child Evangelism Fellowship v. Cleveland Public School District (Sixth Circuit)*: The Center filed an *amicus* brief in support of Child Evangelism Fellowship's after-school Bible studies for elementary school students.

### **Free Speech**

*Reed v. Town of Gilbert*: CLS filed an *amicus* brief urging the Supreme Court to protect a church's signs publicizing the time and place of its worship services.

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**  
*school choice*  
*free speech*  
*equal access*





# LAW STUDENT & ATTORNEY MINISTRIES

## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

In Attorney Ministries (AM) and Law Student Ministries (LSM), the theme in 2015 was "*Relationship in Community.*" Through relationships, lawyers and law students have been encouraged to walk out their vocation before God in their ordinary work, reach out to others who need mentoring and training, and serve those in need.

Highlights from 2015 include:

- LSM and Attorney Ministries fostered mentoring and discipleship relationships with approximately 200 lawyers and 200 law students around the country, initiated by attorney chapters in Minneapolis, Chicago, Dallas, Seattle, Columbus, Phoenix, Los Angeles, and others;
- CLS lawyers in Florida, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania, among others, have encouraged new groups to form by visiting Christian lawyers they know across the state;
- Trinity Law School partnered with CLS to continue the work of the Institute for Christian Legal Studies, which creates resources for law students and lawyers, including the *Journal of Christian Legal Thought*, podcasts, and Bible studies;
- CLS continued its partnership with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF), joining forces in shared ministry in retreats and conferences and the training of IVCF Graduate and Faculty Ministries (GFM) staff to serve law students in CLS groups;
- CLS deepened its presence in Chicago, making face-to-face ministry possible with hundreds of law students and lawyers in Chicagoland; and
- CLS has created opportunities for interaction between and among student and attorney leaders in its Facebook Forum and Chapter Leader Roundtables, providing valuable opportunities for encouragement and the exchange of ideas on effective ministry.

## Relationship in Community



# NEW RESOURCES

## Podcasts

Cross & Gavel Audio podcasts were successfully re-branded and rejuvenated in 2015. Some of the most popular episodes are "Challenges for Women in the Legal Profession," "Christian Divorce Lawyers," and "Legal Aid and Biblical Justice." Search "Cross and Gavel" on your podcast app and spread the word.

## ***Journal of Christian Legal Thought***

In 2015, three issues of the *Journal of Christian Legal Thought* were distributed to CLS attorney and student members and law libraries around the country. The *Journal* continues to be an encouragement to practicing lawyers, law students, and pastors around the country and to meet the need of lawyers who desire to read accessible scholarly essays on topics of interest to practitioners as well as scholars. The 2015 *Journal* issues covered the Good Samaritan from a legal perspective, included various law professors discussing their role as mentors to law students, and explored the role of the church in political issues. Additionally, the regular column from Center Director Kim Colby continues to be, as one reader says, the "single best law and religious freedom update available anywhere."

## **LSM Newsletter & Student Facebook Forum**

More than 500 students, professors, and campus ministry staff receive updates, reminders, and encouragement through our monthly email. In December, LSM launched the Christian Law Student Forum on Facebook. This online community for student leaders has already provided a forum for law student leaders to share ideas and challenges. Students can share ideas on how to reach their campus, how to have more effective meetings, and what resources are most effective for meetings and events.

## ***The Christian Lawyer***

In 2015, *The Christian Lawyer* published two issues: "Churches, Ministries and the Law: Helping Your Church or Nonprofit with Legal Matters" and "Post-Obergefell America: The Impact of the Supreme Court Ruling."

# CONNECTIONS

## **Quarterly Chapter Leader Roundtables**

In 2015, CLS Attorney Ministries hosted four quarterly "Chapter Leader Roundtables." These quarterly calls are open to all attorney chapter leaders and provide an opportunity for sharing prayer requests, brainstorming, and hearing ideas for more effective local ministry on a number of topics. More than 40 leaders gathered to share ideas on events and outreach and to participate in discussion regarding the best methods to serve attorneys and law students.

## **InterVarsity New Staff Orientation Training**

In 2015, LSM took part in the training of new staff members for IVCF's GFM. This is a key element in the shared ministry of InterVarsity and CLS, resulting in increased trust and more effective work in the kingdom. More than 30 new staff have been given a primer on working with law students as they are introduced to campus ministry.

## **Young Lawyers Initiative**

CLS has encouraged young lawyers in Chicago to gather in a pilot "Young Lawyers Initiative," where young, busy lawyers can gather informally to discuss life in the law. The group has grown since its start in the spring of 2015, and the hope is that this initiative will be repeated in other major cities.

# 2015 ATTORNEY CHAPTERS

## Alabama

Birmingham  
Mobile

## Arizona

Phoenix  
Tucson

## California

Inland Empire  
Los Angeles  
Orange County  
Sacramento  
San Diego  
San Francisco  
West L.A.

## Colorado

Colorado Springs  
Denver

## District of Columbia

Washington

## Florida

Jacksonville  
Orlando  
Palm Beach (West)  
Tampa

## Hawaii

Honolulu

## Illinois

Chicago

## Kansas

Wichita

## Louisiana

New Orleans

## Maryland

Baltimore

## Massachusetts

Boston

## Minnesota

Minneapolis

## Mississippi

Jackson

## Missouri

Kansas City  
St. Louis

## Nebraska

Lincoln

## Nevada

Las Vegas

## New York

NYC  
Syracuse

## North Carolina

Wake County

## Ohio

Central Ohio  
Northeast Ohio

## Oklahoma

Oklahoma City

## Oregon

Oregon

## Pennsylvania

Philadelphia/Delaware Valley  
Western PA

## Tennessee

Nashville

## Texas

Austin  
Dallas  
Houston  
San Antonio

## Virginia

Leesburg  
Richmond

## Washington State

Seattle



# 2015 LAW SCHOOL CAMPUSES SERVED

The University of Alabama  
American University  
Appalachian School of Law  
Arizona State University  
University of Arizona  
Univ. of Arkansas-Fayetteville  
Univ. of Baltimore School of Law  
Barry University at Orlando SoL  
Belmont University School of Law  
Birmingham School of Law  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brooklyn Law School  
Univ. of CA-Davis SoL  
California Western  
Univ. of CA-Los Angeles (UCLA)  
Campbell University  
Capital University  
Case Western Reserve Univ.  
Charlotte School of Law  
University of Chicago  
Chicago-Kent Coll. of Law-IIT  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Colorado  
Concordia University SoL  
University of Connecticut  
Cornell University  
Creighton University  
University of Denver  
DePaul University  
University of Detroit-Mercy  
Drake University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Duquesne University  
Elon University School of Law  
Emory University  
University of Florida  
Florida A & M University CoL  
Florida Coastal School of Law  
Florida International University  
College of Law  
The Florida State University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
University of Georgia  
Harvard University

University of Houston  
Howard University  
University of Illinois  
Indiana Tech Law School  
Indiana U-Bloomington  
Indiana U-Indianapolis  
Inter American Univ. (Puerto Rico)  
John Marshall Law School (GA)  
John Marshall Law School (IL)  
University of Kansas  
University of Kentucky  
Liberty University School of Law  
Loyola Law School - Los Angeles  
Loyola University - New Orleans  
Loyola University Chicago Law  
Marquette University  
University of Maryland  
Univ. of the Pacific McGeorge  
University of Memphis  
University of Miami  
Michigan State University  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
Mississippi College SoL  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
Mitchell Hamline School of Law  
University of Montana  
Nashville School of Law  
University of Nebraska  
New York University  
North Carolina Central University  
University of North Carolina  
Northeastern University  
Northern Illinois University  
Northwestern University  
Notre Dame Law School  
Ohio Northern University  
The Ohio State University  
Oklahoma City University  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Oregon  
Pepperdine University  
Phoenix-Arizona Summit Law  
School  
University of Pittsburgh  
Quinnipiac Univ. School of Law  
Regent University

Rutgers University-Newark  
Saint Mary's University  
Samford Univ. - Cumberland  
Savannah Law School  
Seattle University  
University of South Carolina  
South Texas College of Law  
University of Southern California  
Southern Methodist University  
Southwestern University  
St. John's University  
St. Thomas School of Law (MN)  
Stanford University  
Stetson University  
Syracuse University  
University of Tennessee  
Texas A&M School of Law  
Texas Southern (Marshall)  
The University of Texas  
Thomas M. Cooley Law (Tampa)  
University of Toledo  
Trinity Law School  
Tulane University  
Valparaiso University  
Vanderbilt University  
Villanova University  
Virginia, University of  
Wake Forest University  
Washington and Lee University  
Washington University  
University of Washington  
Western Michigan University  
Western New England College  
Whittier Law School  
College of William and Mary  
University of Wisconsin  
Yale University

*SoL: School of Law*  
*CoL: College of Law*

# 2015 EVENTS

CLS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

# HEARING GOD IN THE STORM

PRACTICING LAW IN TURBULENT TIMES

NEW ORLEANS, LA  OCTOBER 1-4, 2015



In October 2015, CLS held its annual National Conference in New Orleans. CLS hosted around 600 attendees including over 200 attorneys who attended over 35 workshops aimed at sharpening the attendees both professionally and spiritually.

Topics included religious liberty, Christian mediation, ethics, jurisprudence, church & nonprofit law, pro-life/bio-ethics, professional Christian Legal Aid, work/life balance, spiritual formation, and other practice specific areas.



Speakers for the 2015 National Conference included Thabiti Anyabwile, Richard Hammar, Stephan Bauman, and Dr. Ben Carson.





# LAW STUDENT SUMMIT

Christian Legal Society National Conference in New Orleans was the largest gathering of Christian legal professionals in many years. CLS hosted close to 100 law students, encouraging their spiritual formation and challenging conventional wisdom by inspiring them to build their legal career on a Christian foundation.

# LEGAL AID SUMMIT

CLS hosted approximately 50 Christian legal aid leaders and volunteers from around the country at the 2015 Legal Aid Summit at the CLS National Conference. Participants had a great time of fellowship and networking. Participants discussed "What does it mean to be a Christian legal Aid Program?" and engaged in workshops on "Starting a Legal Aid Clinic," "Interviewing Low-Income Clients," "Nonprofit Fundraising," "Immigration Law," and "Relief from Collateral Consequences of a Criminal History."

# REGIONAL RETREATS



## **Northeast Retreat (February 2015)**

At the 2015 Northeast retreat, attendees explored the idea of "success" from a biblical perspective. "Success: What is it? Who has it?" was the theme, and CLS AM and LSM Director Mike Schutt led participants through the book of Joshua, with an eye toward applications for lawyers and law students. We spent hours around the table in small groups and in informal fellowship. Ultimately, it is our faithfulness, rather than "success" in the world's eyes, that should animate our life in the law.

## **Northwest Retreat (January 2015)**

In 2015, 35 lawyers and law students gathered in Plain, Washington for the annual Northwest Retreat. Mark Larson, the Criminal Division Chief of the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and Jan Olsen, a criminal defense lawyer and partner at a Seattle law firm, provided a program on reconciliation and relationship through the lens of their longstanding and deep friendship. It was an inspiring weekend that challenged students and lawyers to think more deeply about their calling.



# BY THE NUMBERS

3

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY  
EDUCATION WEBINARS

20,000+  
*participants*

22

ACTIVE CASES

*defending Religious Liberty nationwide*

2

CONGRESSIONAL  
TESTIMONIES

60+

CHRISTIAN LEGAL AID CLINICS

32,000+  
*low-income people served*

*impacting over*  
80,000

**404** STUDENT LEADERS

**130** *Law Student Campuses Served*

**2,500+** STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

**47** NATIONAL ATTORNEY CHAPTERS

**BY THE NUMBERS**

# 2015 FINANCIALS

Christian Legal Society is a nonprofit religious organization that has been granted exemption from Federal income tax as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. CLS is also a member in good standing with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) and maintains its membership through an annual compliance review. CLS' financial statements are audited annually. A copy of CLS' audited 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, [www.ChristianLegalSociety.org](http://www.ChristianLegalSociety.org).

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

At CLS, we are committed to putting every dollar possible directly toward ministry. In 2015, 85 cents out of every dollar was invested in our ministry programs. We will constantly strive to become more efficient and more effective with the funds we are given.

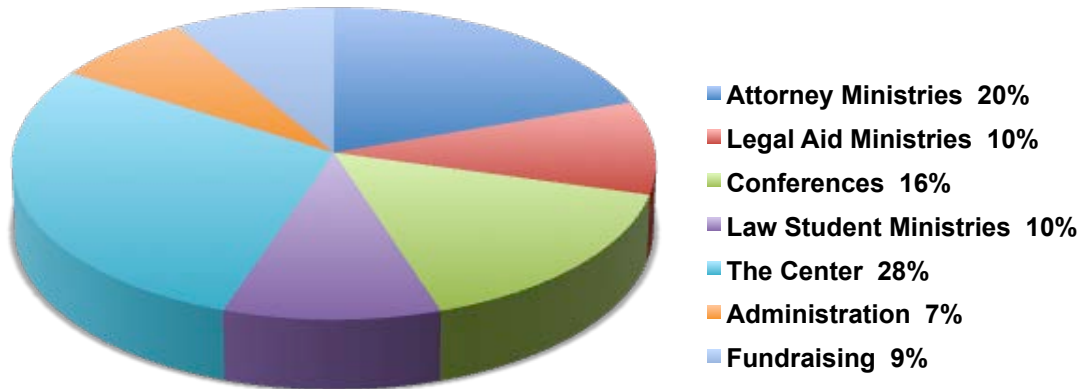
| EXPENSE AREA   | TOTAL EXPENSES     | % OF 2015 EXPENSES |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Program Services & Event Costs<br><i>Expenses incurred fulfilling CLS's vision and mission including Attorney Ministries, Legal Aid Ministries, Law Student Ministries, Center for Law &amp; Religious Freedom, and Conferences.</i> | \$1,109,576        | 84%                |
| General & Administration<br><i>Expenses related to business management, finance &amp; administration, and human resource management.</i>   | \$99,097           | 7%                 |
| Fundraising<br><i>Expenses related to engaging current and potential donors and encouraging contributions of money, securities, materials and other assets, services and time.</i>   | \$113,688          | 9%                 |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  | <b>\$1,322,361</b> | <b>100%</b>        |

*Note: All information on these pages reflect data from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. CLS's Annual Ministry Report, IRS form 990, and prior year audited financial statements are available at the CLS website, [www.ChristianLegalSociety.org](http://www.ChristianLegalSociety.org).*

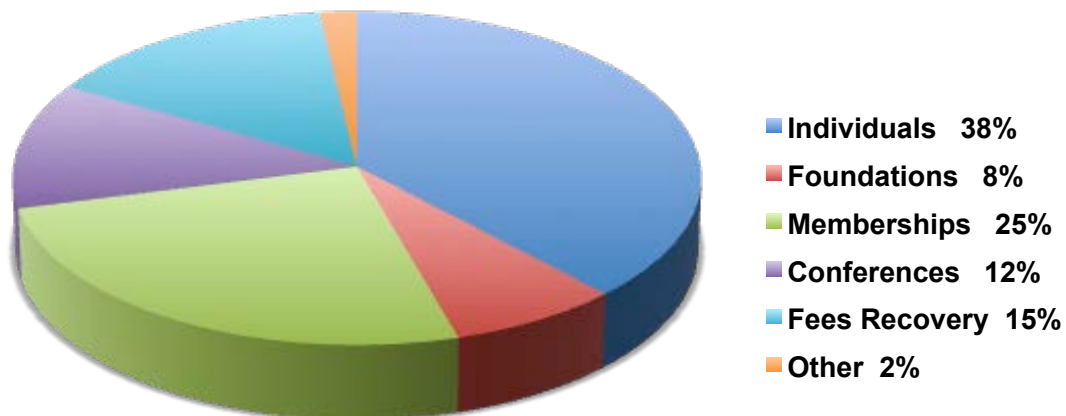
*Financial statements for 2015 were audited by Morrow PC independent certified public accountants. Complete financial statements and audit reports are available upon request.*



# 2015 CLS PROGRAM EXPENSES



# 2015 CLS REVENUE SOURCES



# 2015 FINANCIALS

## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY 2015 AND 2014

| STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION           | 2015              | 2014              |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                             |                   |                   |
| Cash                                      | \$ 159,994        | \$ 107,476        |
| Accounts & Grants Receivable              | 12,856            | 6,321             |
| Pledges Receivable                        | 349,656           | 203,592           |
| Other Current Assets                      | 18,561            | 16,116            |
| Property & Equipment, Net                 | 42,607            | 41,112            |
| Other Assets                              | 7,239             | 7,559             |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                       | <b>\$ 590,913</b> | <b>\$ 382,176</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                        |                   |                   |
| Current Liabilities                       | \$ 75,026         | \$ 106,132        |
| Long-Term Liabilities                     | 18,911            | 1,288             |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                  | <b>\$ 93,937</b>  | <b>\$ 208,437</b> |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                         | <b>\$ 496,976</b> | <b>\$ 276,044</b> |
| <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b> | <b>\$ 590,913</b> | <b>\$ 382,176</b> |

| STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 2015               | 2014               |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Support and Revenues</b>       |                    |                    |
| Contributions & Grants            | \$ 724,888         | \$ 617,741         |
| Membership Dues                   | 390,088            | 388,331            |
| Conference Registration           | 182,946            | 183,749            |
| Fees Recovery                     | 232,526            | -----              |
| Sponsorship & Ad Revenue          | 2,458              | 11,580             |
| <b>Total Support and Revenues</b> | <b>\$1,532,906</b> | <b>\$1,231,401</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                   |                    |                    |
| Program Services and Event Costs  | 1,109,576          | 996,765            |
| Administration                    | 99,097             | 83,234             |
| Fundraising                       | 113,688            | 80,007             |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>             | <b>1,322,361</b>   | <b>1,160,006</b>   |
| Other Income / ( Expenses)        | 10,387             | 17,222             |
| <b>Increase in Net Assets</b>     | <b>\$ 220,932</b>  | <b>\$ 88,617</b>   |



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