



ANNUAL REPORT





Thank You!

We are so thankful at Christian Legal Society (CLS) for another wonderful and successful year.
Thank you for taking the time to read our 2017 Annual Report.

CLS continues to be the salt and light of Jesus Christ in the legal profession and on law school campuses.
Our Center for Law and Religious Freedom continues to defend religious freedom for all Americans, helping individuals, campus ministry groups, churches, nonprofit organizations, and religious schools navigate the changing legal environment.

We also added six new Christian Legal Aid clinics to our nationwide network, expanding the reach of Christian lawyers to bring justice to the poor and the needy and to defend the widow and the orphan.

At CLS, we seek to glorify God in all we do and to make an impact for His Kingdom.
We held three wonderful regional retreats in the Northeast, Midwest, and the Northwest, and our 2017 National Conference theme was *Discovering Joy in the Law*.

Thank you for your support. We pray you will continue to partner with CLS as we stand “in the gates” of the law seeking to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ in the legal profession.



David Nammo
Executive Director & CEO



Jennifer Patrick
Chairman of the Board & President







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

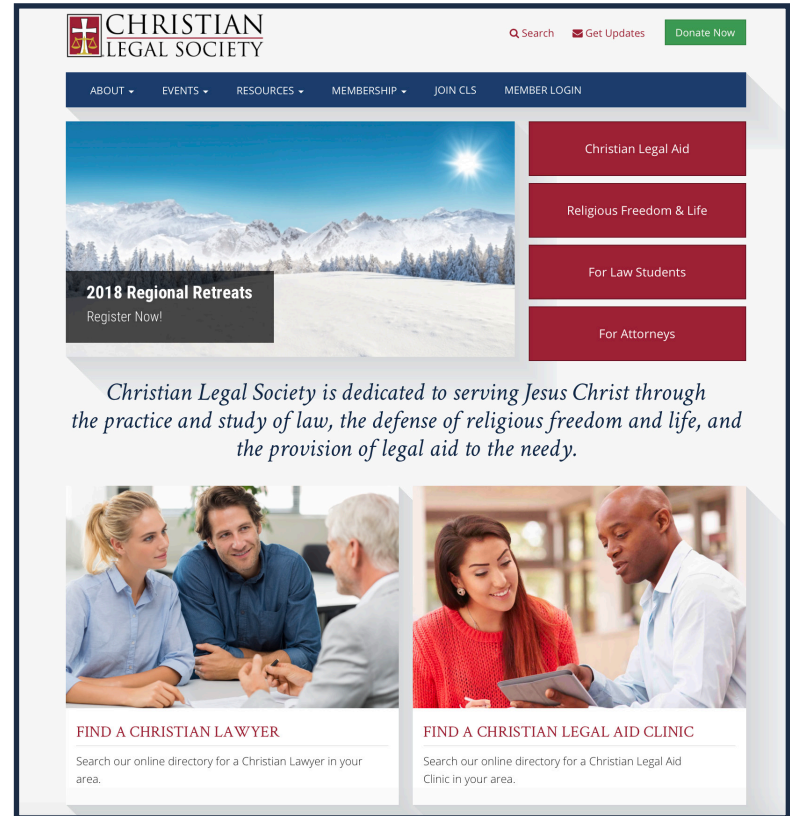
Founded in 1961, CLS defends the religious liberties of all Americans in the legislatures and the courts and serves those most in need in our society through Christian Legal Aid.

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.


A New Web Face for CLS

In 2017, CLS launched a new website with enhanced resources and capabilities to serve our members and the public.

Each of CLS' ministries also has a new website and unique domain as well to enable each ministry to better serve their respective constituents.



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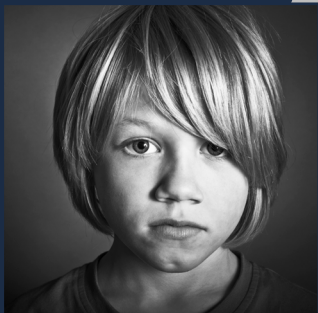
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Find a Campus Fellowship

Or form one on your campus

*Learning to do justice with the love of God —
in the classroom, on campus, and in our profession.*



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 the victims of injustice in America.

The goal of Christian Legal Aid (CLA) is to meet the urgent legal needs of the most vulnerable members of our society.

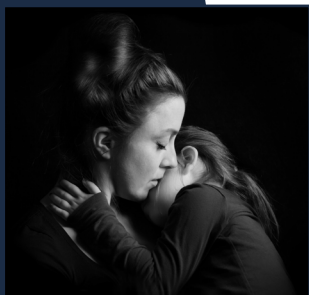
There is a great need for Christian Legal Aid in America. There is currently one legal aid attorney for every 10,000 people in poverty in the United States. In other words, 80% of people in need of legal aid have no access to affordable help.

Christian Legal Aid is helping meet this need. By equipping and training CLA clinics, by helping to establish new CLA clinics nationwide, and by providing clinics access to volunteer lawyers through our attorney network, CLA is responding to Jesus' command to help the poor and the needy with their legal problems.

This is justice with the love of God.

Anyone in need of legal services can access CLS' Legal Aid Clinic Directory and Christian Lawyer Directory and other legal resources on the CLS website. These resources remain highly sought after with CLS receiving regular inquiries from people in need of legal assistance. Many prominent Christian organizations direct those in need to these CLS services.

In 2017, Christian Legal Aid provided legal aid training to over 350 attorneys, and six new clinics were added to the CLS Christian Legal Aid network.



HELPING CHANGE LIVES FOR HIS GLORY

Amazing Stories from 2017

*After the Houston recovery began following Hurricane Harvey, survivors had many legal concerns. **Houston Legal Aid Center (HLAC), a Christian Legal Aid program that CLS helped to start in 2016, was on the forefront of serving victims of the hurricane.***

HLAC attorneys met with victims in the shelters and adopted five families who were flooded out of their homes. CLS supporters also stepped up and provided critical funds for the Houston community following Hurricane Harvey.

Silicon Valley Christian Legal Aid (SVCLA), another clinic that CLS helped establish, got off to a great start this year since opening its doors in December 2016. More than 30 volunteers served at their two sites, and they set up a partnership with a medical clinic in a gang-infested area of the south bay. Two attorneys took on full representation of a single father whose life God turned around from drugs. They are helping him establish paternity for his biological child and adopt the sibling.

Six other clients came to Christ through this newly-established clinic!

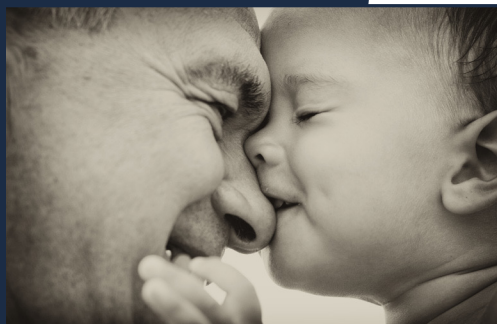
Where there is darkness and fear, God used SVCLA to shed His light of the Gospel, as well as the light of understanding the law.





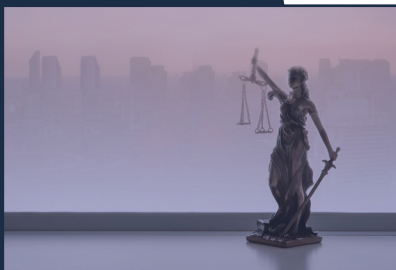
CENTER FOR LAW AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The Center for Law and Religious Freedom, the advocacy ministry of Christian Legal Society, advances all Americans' religious freedom and freedom of speech, as well as the sanctity of human life, in the courts, Congress, and the public square. Founded in 1975, the Center is America's original Christian ministry dedicated to defending religious freedom.



For over 40 years, the Center has pursued its vision of a free civil society that promotes all Americans' religious freedom and free speech, while nurturing a profound respect for human life. Our Republic will prosper only if the First Amendment rights of all Americans are protected, regardless of the current popularity of their religious exercise and expression.

The Center's hallmark has always been its willingness to work with organizations across the political and religious spectrum to defend our First Freedom. Through the Center's efforts, landmark laws have been enacted by Congress and upheld by the Supreme Court to defend all Americans' religious freedom in innovative and dynamic ways.



In 2017, the Center's work included testifying before a congressional subcommittee to rebut a U.S. government report that attacked religious freedom, advising religious student groups who faced exclusion from campus for requiring their leaders to be religious, filing briefs that defended Christians' voices in the public square, and fighting against new threats to Christian lawyers' and judges' right to practice law consistently with their religious beliefs.

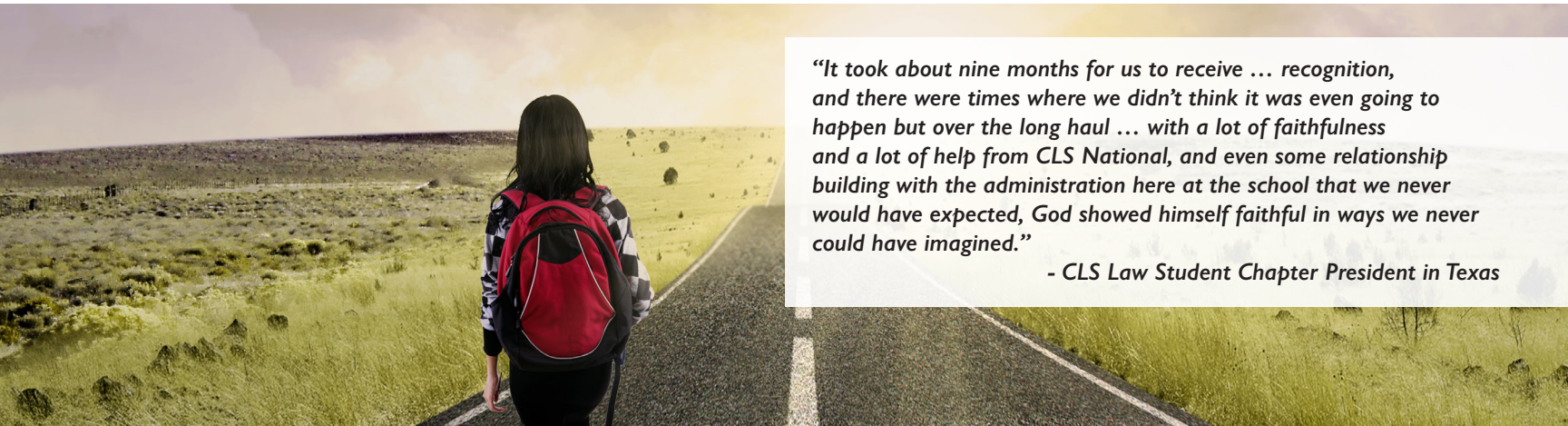
PROTECTING STUDENTS' RIGHT TO MEET ON CAMPUS

For over 40 years, the Center has defended the right of religious student groups to meet on college campuses despite great resistance from some college administrators. Often these religious groups are the only contact that hundreds of thousands of students will have with Christianity during their college years. Because campuses are mission fields ripe for the harvest, keeping them open for Christian students to meet and share the Gospel is vital.

Testimony on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' Report Attacking Religious Freedom: On February 16, 2017, Center Director Kim Colby testified before the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution at a hearing on "The State of Religious Liberty in America." Kim addressed the deeply flawed report issued by the United States Commission on Civil Rights in 2016 that attacked the right of religious students to meet on college campuses.

Written Statement on Campus Free Speech Issues: On April 4, 2017, the Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on "First Amendment Protections on Public College and University Campuses." The Center submitted a written statement that used Christian students' personal narratives of the obstacles they had encountered on their campuses simply because their religious groups required their leaders to be religious.

The Center Aided College Students Nationwide: The Center helped students remain on campuses in California, Iowa, Texas, and other states. It assisted not only CLS students but also students in other campus organizations.

A person with long dark hair, wearing a black and white checkered shirt and a red backpack, is walking away from the camera on a paved road. The road stretches into the distance towards a bright sunset or sunrise over a flat, grassy landscape. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and purple.

"It took about nine months for us to receive ... recognition, and there were times where we didn't think it was even going to happen but over the long haul ... with a lot of faithfulness and a lot of help from CLS National, and even some relationship building with the administration here at the school that we never would have expected, God showed himself faithful in ways we never could have imagined."

- CLS Law Student Chapter President in Texas

PROTECTING CHRISTIAN LAWYERS FROM ABA MODEL RULE 8.4(g)

The Center has led the opposition to the American Bar Association's Model Rule 8.4(g), the highly criticized and deeply flawed model rule that has been condemned by numerous scholars as a speech code for lawyers. The rule poses an existential threat to lawyers who value independent thinking, freedom of speech, and free exercise of religion. Model Rule 8.4(g) will chill lawyers' expression of disfavored political and religious viewpoints on controversial contemporary issues. Lawyers could lose their license to practice law for remaining faithful to their religious beliefs in their legal practices.

Fortunately, ABA Model Rule 8.4(g) applies to lawyers only if they live in a state in which the highest court adopts it. And to date, no state, other than Vermont, has adopted ABA Model Rule 8.4(g).

The Center established a national monitoring system to track attempts to adopt ABA Model Rule 8.4(g) and to educate lawyers nationwide about the dangers ABA Model Rule 8.4(g) poses. These lawyers in turn have educated their fellow attorneys, their state bar associations, and their states' highest courts as to why ABA Model Rule 8.4(g) should not be adopted.

CLS has filed comment letters opposing adoption of Model Rule 8.4(g) in California, Illinois, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Utah. To date, official bodies in Illinois, Maine, Montana, Pennsylvania, Texas, and South Carolina have condemned Model Rule 8.4(g), and those in Nevada and Louisiana have abandoned efforts to impose it on their attorneys.

Resources to help fight this rule are available for public use via our websites, CLSReligiousFreedom.org and ChristianLegalSociety.org.

To better understand the issues surrounding ABA Model Rule 8.4(g), please visit our online resources, which include video presentations, educational webinars, written publications, and comment letters. For example, in February 2017, CLS hosted a webinar about the pitfalls of Model Rule 8.4(g) that can be viewed on our website. CLS has presented CLEs to interested attorney groups to inform them about the proposed rule. The Center has been recognized as the foremost resource for equipping attorneys with information about the proposed rule.



IN THE COURTS

Defending Religious Dissenters

The Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the United States Supreme Court that argued that compelling a Christian baker to create a cake to celebrate a wedding, which he understands to be an inherently religious event, violates the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses. The brief urged the Court to protect religious freedom for people of faith in light of the Court's 2015 decision recognizing same-sex marriage. Out of over 90 friend-of-the-court briefs filed, the Center's brief was highlighted during the oral argument. Several media reports also noted the Center's brief.

(Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission)

The Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in support of a state law protecting citizens from state retaliation against their religious beliefs regarding same-sex marriage. *(Barber v. Bryant)*

Advocating on Behalf of Christian Judges

The Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the Oregon Supreme Court in support of a Christian judge who faces removal from office, which is motivated by hostility toward his religious beliefs regarding same-sex wedding ceremonies. The Center's brief urged the court to rule that a judge's refusal to perform a wedding ceremony that violates his sincerely held religious beliefs does not render him unfit to hold judicial office. *(Inquiry Concerning Judge Day)*

The Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief urging the United States Supreme Court to review the case of a Christian judge who was disciplined for stating that her religious beliefs would not allow her to perform same-sex wedding ceremonies. (Wyoming law does *not* require judges to perform weddings, and Judge Neely had never been asked to solemnize a same-sex wedding.) The Center's brief argued that Wyoming had adopted an unconstitutional religious test for judicial office. That ruling threatened not only Wyoming judges, attorneys, and law students, but also judges, attorneys, and law students nationwide.

(Neely v. Wyoming Commission of Judicial Conduct and Ethics)

The Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals urging it to uphold a North Carolina statute protecting magistrates from having to perform same-sex wedding ceremonies to which they have religious objections.

(Ansley v. Warren)



Protecting Religious Ministries

CLS filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the United States Supreme Court urging it to uphold Congress' broad religious exemption for "church plans." For decades, many religious hospitals had relied in good faith on the federal government's ruling that their pension plans qualified as "church plans." Had the Court ruled to the contrary, these religious hospitals potentially would have owed billions of dollars. (*Advocate Health Care v. Stapleton*)

Defending Religious Freedom in the Military

The Center filed a brief on behalf of a Marine corporal who was court-martialed for refusing to take down a Bible verse she had posted in her work station. In ruling against her, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces severely weakened religious freedom protections for all military personnel. On behalf of military chaplains and others, the Center urged the United States Supreme Court to review the case in its friend-of-the-court brief. (*Sterling v. United States*)

Preserving Pro-Life Speech

The Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in support of a pro-life counseling center. The City of Baltimore passed a law forcing the center to post a sign saying it did not refer for, or perform, abortions. The Center's brief argued that the law violated the pro-life center's free speech rights. (*Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns v. Mayor and Council of Baltimore*)

Promoting the Rule of Law

The Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals urging the court not to radically re-interpret federal civil rights laws. For 50 years, federal civil rights laws have prohibited "discrimination on the basis of sex," which has always been interpreted to mean only discrimination between men and women. Activist groups have urged courts to re-interpret "sex discrimination" to include discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation, which everyone agrees was not the intent of Congress when it passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964. (*Zarda v. Altitude Express*)

DEFENDING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

National Religious Liberty Award

In June, Center Director Kim Colby was awarded the prestigious National Religious Liberty Award at the 15th Annual Religious Liberty Dinner in Washington, D.C. The annual award is conferred by the International Religious Liberty Association, North American Religious Liberty Association, and Liberty Magazine.



Religious Freedom Toolkit

CLS is pleased to provide a Religious Freedom Toolkit, featuring various articles and resources recommended by CLS Center Director Kim Colby, to equip law students, lawyers, and laypersons to defend religious freedom in their daily work and conversations. **The toolkit is available on the Center's website, CLSReligiousFreedom.org.**

Kim Colby's article *Equipped to Defend Religious Freedom* appeared in CLS' *Journal of Christian Legal Thought* in the Fall of 2016. Due to the popularity of the resource, it was released as an independent article in 2017.

Religious Freedom Guidance

The Center provides website resources for churches, faith-based nonprofits, and religious schools and colleges to educate them about current legal issues, particularly legal questions that have arisen in recent years as a result of rapidly shifting cultural norms. The resources include webinars and sample policies that religious congregations, schools, and ministries should consider adopting to address issues in the context of marriage, sexual conduct, and abortion.

These resources are available to the public at the Center's website, CLSReligiousFreedom.org.



HELPING CHANGE LIVES FOR HIS GLORY

Amazing Stories from 2017

Ting Xue was arrested by the Chinese police for the “crime” of attending a “house church.” In China, house churches are quickly growing, but they remain illegal because they are not controlled by the Chinese government. Worship outside of government-controlled churches is illegal, and house churches are frequently raided by police, who arrest persons attending the churches.

After he paid a fine equivalent to half his annual income, Ting Xue was released from jail but still had to report to the jail each week for re-education sessions. He was warned that if he was caught a second time worshipping at a house church, the consequences would be worse. A month later, his house church was raided again. Several of the Christians who were arrested were sentenced to a year in prison. Ting Xue was not arrested a second time because he had missed church because of his work schedule.

Ting Xue fled the country and eventually made his way to America. Seeking asylum based on a reasonable fear of religious persecution, Ting Xue explained to a judge that “the government-approved Christian church teaches that loyalty to country and the Communist party comes before loyalty to God” and does not allow “people the freedom to express their views.” The judge believed his story but denied Ting Xue asylum, ruling instead that Ting Xue could return to China and avoid persecution if only he would keep his religious beliefs secret.

Ting Xue appealed to the United States Supreme Court. In May 2017, the Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief in support of Ting Xue, arguing that religious persecution includes a government punishing a person for making public his Christian faith. As a result of the Center’s involvement, the U.S. government exercised its discretion to grant asylum to Ting Xue. A delegation of CLS members continues to dialogue with government officials, urging specific ways to improve the handling of legitimate requests for asylum on religious grounds.

As a result of the Center’s intervention, Ting Xue lives with his wife and young daughter in Denver, where he is active in his church, holds a job, and pays taxes. Without the Center’s efforts, he could have been deported to China where prison awaited. The ongoing conversations between CLS members and government officials offer hope to Christians around the world who face persecution simply because they exercise the most essential human right – the right to worship God.



In your meaningful relationships
Don't stir up old wounds



LAW STUDENT MINISTRIES

The mission of Law Student Ministries (LSM) is to provide fellowship and support for future lawyers as they begin to navigate their career in the law. Our goal is to equip these students with resources that will help them learn to thrive as Christians and as lawyers. Christian students who desire to think well about their callings need one another to explore the deep implications of the relationship between Christian discipleship and the study and practice of law. We foster a desire in students for faithful stewardship of their legal gifts, springing from spiritual formation and resulting in lifelong service to others in and through the law.

LSM supports more than 450 law student fellowship leaders at 145 law schools throughout the nation, who lead thousands of students, helping to encourage and equip them by inviting them to join their on-campus chapter community, by connecting them with local lawyers and mentors, by providing opportunities to engage Christians in the profession at the CLS National Conference and the CLS Regional Retreats (and providing scholarships for them to attend!), and by providing extensive written and online resources to equip and encourage them in their law school journey.

Regent University School of Law continues to partner with CLS to advance and enhance the mission of the Institute for Christian Legal Studies (ICLS), 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 at retreats and conferences and the training of IVCF Graduate and Faculty Ministries (GFM) staff to serve law students in CLS campus groups.



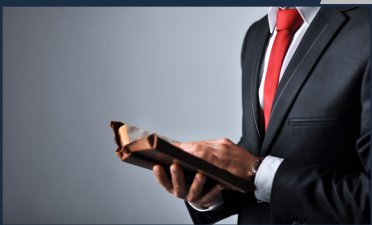
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Modeling Mentorship in Chicago: Chicago attorneys hosted the first annual CLS Chicago Area Law School Chapter Leadership Summit. Law student leaders from six of the seven Chicago-area law schools attended. This gathering of local attorney and law student leaders will serve as a model for other cities, where attorneys can encourage students to cast vision for the coming academic year, prepare for life as a lawyer, and think well about serving Christ on campus. Students returned to their campuses edified and equipped.

Florida Law School Professional Colleges Host Night of Worship: In addition to its regular Bible study and meeting times, the University of Florida CLS Law Student Chapter seeks ways to connect with other parts of the UF campus. In March 2017, CLS law students met with medical, dental, pharmacy, and business students for the second Professional Colleges Night of Worship. They had fellowship over a potluck meal and then entered into a time of worship, followed by Bible study and small group discussion on “why, when, and how” we should engage in evangelistic outreach on campus and within our professions.



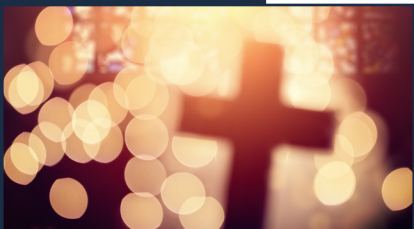


Attorney Ministries (AM) is the network and community of lawyers dedicated to impacting their profession and their community for Jesus Christ. Our goal is to inspire Christian attorneys to see their vocation as a calling and to fellowship with one another as they live out their faith in their personal and professional lives.



Attorney Ministries seeks to give attorneys an opportunity to live up to the higher standards that the Lord requires of every lawyer. That spirit of service is evident in the work that CLS carries out for our community of lawyers and the public.

In 2017, CLS hired Connie Bourne as Director of Attorney Ministries. This year also brought about an expansion of the available resources offered to CLS members. AM sought new ways to encourage members to gather together and to help attorneys explore Christian discipleship particularly through study with our local chapters.



CLS also expanded opportunities for Christian attorneys to serve, whether by mentoring law students, providing Christian Legal Aid for the needy, or participating in service projects with a local chapter.

CLS Attorney Chapters

CLS currently has 52 attorney chapters nationwide. In 2017, we welcomed two new chapters to our network: Cape May, NJ and Williamson County, TX. To facilitate leadership by our chapter leaders, CLS hosted quarterly roundtable discussions in 2017. Topics at these roundtable discussions included chapter leadership development, succession planning, the benefits of building external relationships, and diversity.



HELPING CHANGE LIVES FOR HIS GLORY

Amazing Stories from 2017

“It’s a blessing to know I am not alone...that there are other Christian lawyers out there who are experiencing the same challenges at work.”

“Your email was a pleasant surprise. I am quite pleased to know that I am part of an organization that personally cares about its members.”

The new Cape May, NJ Chapter President published an op-ed in the Cape May County Herald. He closed the piece with the following: ***“So, our goal in the Cape May County Chapter of the Christian Legal Society is to continue to shine the light of Jesus by following His teachings in all that we do as lawyers, fellowship with each other and most importantly speak to God through prayer so that we can follow the path that He wants us to take as we proceed on our journey as foot soldiers of Christ. As we do this we will do the good works that He has already planned for us, good works from God, not for God.”***

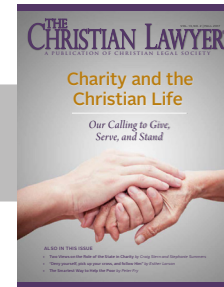


CLS chapters around the country are working to serve those in the bar and in their communities. The Dallas chapter worked with chapters from around Texas to set up an exhibit table at the annual State Bar convention, sharing the love of Christ with Texas lawyers. The Northern Illinois chapter reached out to law student leaders and hosted a leadership summit to encourage and equip them for serving on campus. In Orange County, the monthly chapter fellowship provides fellowship and networking opportunities for California attorneys. Exciting events like these are taking place all over the country.

Tools for Ministry

PUBLICATIONS

In 2017, CLS released two issues of *The Christian Lawyer* magazine on the topics of *Human Trafficking: The Role of the Church and the Law* and *Charity and the Christian Life: Our Calling to Give, Serve, and Stand*. In conjunction with Regent University and the Institute for Christian Legal Studies, CLS also released two issues of the *Journal of Christian Legal Thought*.



CROSS AND GAVEL PODCAST

CLS' Cross and Gavel Podcast continues to encourage and inform our audience of lawyers, law students, and others interested in law and culture. Our most popular episodes featured interviews with Byron Berger and Dean Eric Enlow on *Joy in the Law*, CLS Center Director Kim Colby on the *Masterpiece Cakeshop* case, and attorney member Ben Chappell on legal ministry in the Congo. The Cross and Gavel Podcast is available on iTunes and any podcast app.



Getting Connected

REGIONAL RETREATS

CLS' annual winter regional retreats are central to CLS' mission. Regional retreats provide a unique opportunity for lawyers and law students to engage one another on critical topics of faith and law practice. Bringing law students and lawyers together provides students with critical advice and mentorship and encourages lawyers about the future of the profession.

In 2017, more than 130 lawyers, students, and family members gathered at three locations around the country to be challenged in their faith. Students and lawyers travelled to Leavenworth, Washington, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and Mount Bethel, Pennsylvania. This year's retreat themes included *The Shaping Power of Law Practice*; *God's Will for You: Be Joyful, Pray Continually, Give Thanks*; and *Following Christ in the Law*.

2017 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Attorneys, law students, judges, scholars, and friends all gathered in Newport Beach, California in October for the 2017 CLS National Conference. Over 500 attendees joined us to discuss the theme, *Discovering Joy in the Law*. We heard from world-class speakers including Dr. Jerry Root, Dr. Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, John Stonestreet, and Dean Eric Enlow, as well as dozens of workshop speakers. They all challenged us to discover the Lord's joy in all we do in work and play.

Conference workshops covered a wide range of interests and practice areas, with topics including religious freedom, Christian mediation, law practice management, ethics, jurisprudence, church and nonprofit law, pro-life/bio-ethics, Christian Legal Aid, work/life balance, litigation, spiritual formation, and other practice specific areas. In addition, we were excited to welcome the first Orthodox Christian Lawyers Gathering as part of our program, and we welcomed back the Anglican Lawyers Gathering as well. It was a wonderful weekend of learning, fellowship, and fun.

The background of the slide is a blurred photograph of a night festival or outdoor event. It features several strings of warm white and blue LED lights hanging from trees. In the background, there are white tents and a crowd of people, though they are out of focus. The overall atmosphere is festive and brightly lit by the artificial lights.

UPCOMING NATIONAL CONFERENCES

2018 - CLEARWATER BEACH

2019 - CHICAGO

2020 - WASHINGTON, DC



2017 Attorney Chapters

Alabama

Birmingham
Mobile

Arizona

Phoenix
Tucson

California

Inland Empire
Los Angeles
Orange County
Sacramento
San Diego
San Fernando Valley
San Francisco
West LA

Colorado

Colorado Springs
Denver

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Florida

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Orlando
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Georgia

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Willoughby Hills

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City

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Salem

Pennsylvania

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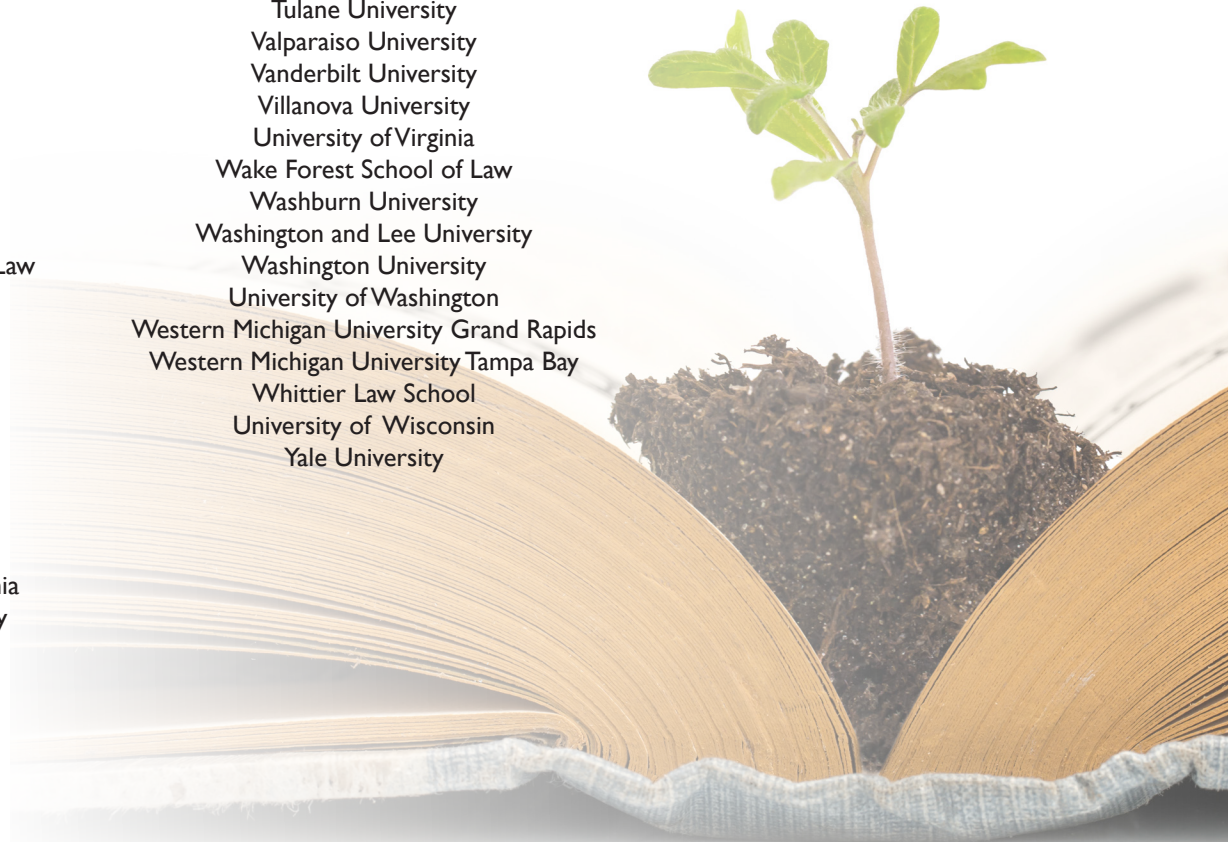
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Arizona State University
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**Active
Nationwide
Attorney
Chapters**

**Impacting over
87,000**

**Individuals
through
Christian
Legal Aid**

Serving

141

**Communities
through
Christian
Legal Aid**

Serving

145

Law Schools

and over

2,500

**Student
Participants**

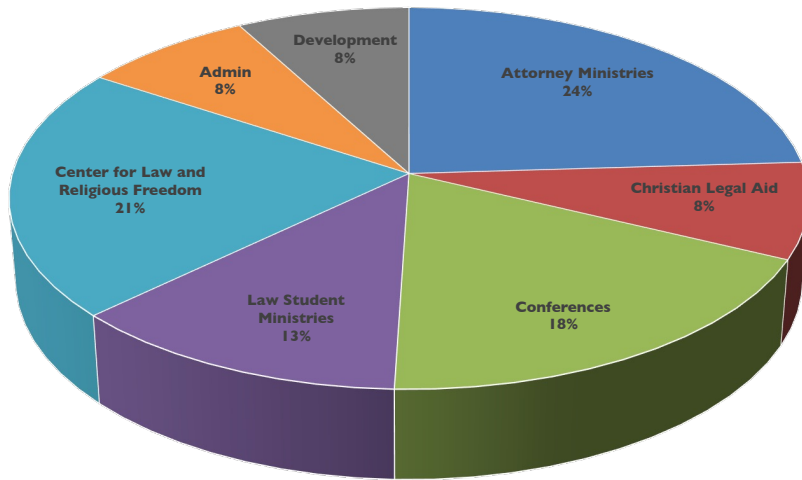
2017 Financials

At Christian Legal Society, we are committed to putting every dollar possible directly toward ministry.

In 2017, 84 cents out of every dollar was invested in ministry programs. We will constantly strive to become more efficient and more effective with the funds we are given.

Expense Area	Total Expenses	% of 2017 Expenses
Program Services & Event Costs <i>Expenses incurred fulfilling CLS' vision and mission including Attorney Ministries, Christian Legal Aid, Law Student Ministries, Center for Law & Religious Freedom, and conferences.</i>	\$1,156,687	84%
General & Administration <i>Expenses related to business management, finance and administration, and human resource management.</i>	\$107,849	8%
Fund Raising <i>Expenses related to engaging current and potential donors and encouraging contributions of money, securities, materials and other assets, services and time.</i>	\$108,539	8%
Total Expenses	\$1,373,075	100%

Note: These financial reports for 2017 are pending completion of our annual audit. All information on these pages reflects data from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. CLS' Annual Report, IRS form 990, and audited financial statements are available at ChristianLegalSociety.org.

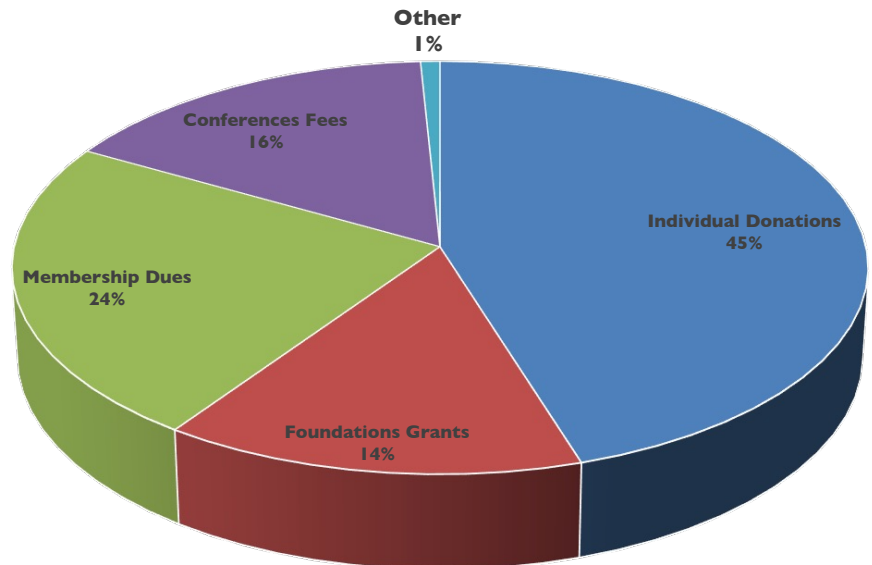


Christian Legal Society 2017 Program Expenses

Attorney Ministries	\$330,031	24%
Christian Legal Aid	\$111,414	8%
Conferences	\$252,128	18%
Law Student Ministries	\$169,879	13%
Center for Law and Religious Freedom	\$293,235	21%
Administration	\$107,849	8%
Development	\$108,539	8%

Christian Legal Society 2017 Revenue Sources

Individual Donations	\$738,009	45%
Foundations Grants	\$237,025	14%
Membership Dues	\$384,393	24%
Conferences Fees	\$261,790	16%
Other	\$13,156	1%



Ways You Can Support CLS Today

Pray

Please continue to pray for all of CLS' ministries as we continue to impact our nation for Christ. Our work is possible because of God's provision and your faithful support. Nothing is more critical than bringing the needs of these ministries and the people we serve to the Lord in prayer. Thank you for standing in the gap as we seek to fulfill the directive of Micah 6:8 in communities across the nation.

Give

As a Christian nonprofit ministry CLS does not accept government funds. Our work is supported entirely by faithful individuals and foundations, like yourself, who share our mission. Please consider supporting CLS financially in the coming year. You can designate your gift to your favorite CLS ministry if you would like. Please also consider incorporating CLS into your will today. CLS' ability to reach more people for Christ is heavily dependent on the financial support we receive.

Volunteer

If you are interested in getting involved in CLS in a volunteer capacity, we have many opportunities available including, but not limited to:

- lawyers and administrative staff working at Christian Legal Aid clinics
- coordination with state lawmakers to protect religious liberty in states nationwide
- on site assistance at the CLS National Conference and regional retreats
- mentors for law students
- mentors for fellow lawyers
- leadership and coordination of CLS attorney and law student chapters

Follow

Follow Christian Legal Society on Facebook and Twitter and share our regular updates with your friends and family.

Share

Please tell your friends, family, and colleagues about Christian Legal Society. The best advertising is word of mouth, and we are always thankful for your positive words for our critical ministries.





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