



CHRISTIAN
LEGAL SOCIETY

2018

ANNUAL REPORT



2018

Thank you! We are so grateful at Christian Legal Society (CLS) for another wonderful and successful year - all in God's amazing provision and grace!

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2018 Annual Report. CLS continues to be the salt and light of Jesus Christ in the legal profession and on law school campuses. Through our Christian attorneys and law students, we seek to glorify God in all we do and to make an impact for His Kingdom.

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.

CLS added more new and existing legal assistance clinics to our nationwide Christian Legal Aid network. Through such efforts, CLS is expanding the reach of Christian lawyers to bring justice to the poor and the needy and to defend the widow and the orphan.

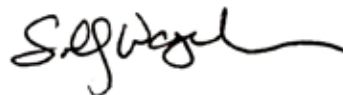
One wonderful new highlight: with generous donor support, we launched the inaugural CLS Law School Fellows program. CLS gathered the best and brightest Christ-following law students from over 20 campuses for a week of training, fellowship, and learning. These Fellows are now making an impact on their campuses and communities in ways we never imagined.

CLS continues to gather together not only locally but on national and regional levels as well. Our 2018 National Conference theme was *Being Faithful*, and we can't wait to convene in Chicago for the 2019 National Conference! CLS lawyers, law students, and families met together too for regional Northeast, Midwest, and Northwest retreats for more fellowship, encouragement in the Lord, and spiritual growth.

Thank you for your support of and engagement with CLS. We pray you will continue to partner with CLS as we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ in the legal profession.



David Nammo
Executive Director & CEO



Sally Wagenmaker
Chairman of the Board & President







Christian Legal Society is a fellowship of Christians dedicated to serving Jesus Christ through the practice and study of law, the defense of religious freedom and life, and the provision of legal aid to the needy.

Founded in 1961, Christian Legal Society seeks to fulfill God's command found in Micah 6:8 by bringing glory to God 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, through the provision of legal assistance to the poor and the needy, and through the defense of the inalienable rights to life and religious freedom.

2018



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CHRISTIAN
LEGAL AID

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.

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.**

CLS' Legal Aid Clinic Directory and Christian Lawyer Directory: Anyone in need of legal services can access CLS' Legal Aid Clinic Directory, 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.

Consultation and Coaching: In 2018, Christian Legal Aid provided consultation and coaching to attorneys in 12 communities around the country who were interested in starting new Christian Legal Aid clinics. In 2018, CLA provided four live trainings and four online webinars and trained over 50 attorneys at the CLS National Conference Christian Legal Aid Summit. In total for 2018, CLA trained over 320 leaders and prospective CLA participants.

Christian Legal Aid Resource Library: Also in 2018, CLA launched a new Christian Legal Aid Resource Library, an extensive collection of forms and documents provided by and for CLA clinics to share. This is a valuable resource for CLA clinics to use and learn from each other; it is also useful for those interested in forming new clinics.

Christian Legal Aid Retreat: In 2018, Christian Legal Aid hosted the first regional Christian Legal Aid Retreat at Sandy Cove, Maryland. Forty attorneys and other CLA volunteers from six CLA programs came together for a weekend of training and fellowship, which included many new people who received CLA training for the first time. This event was such a success that plans have been made to host this event annually.

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MEET LUCY . . .

“Lucy” came to a CLS Northern Virginia Christian Legal Aid clinic partner, Good Samaritan Advocates (GSA), in a terrible situation. An elderly woman, Lucy had hired a caregiver from a supposedly trustworthy agency. Initially, the caregiver seemed like a godsend. She quickly won over Lucy’s trust and became an integral part of her daily life. She helped Lucy buy much needed new furniture, assisted her in paying bills, and so on. Then, before Lucy knew it, the caregiver had access to all her financial information.

The caregiver turned out to be a scam artist who preys on vulnerable seniors. Taking advantage of Lucy’s trust, she stole money, forged financial documents, and even took out a lease in Lucy’s name.

Lucy contacted local law enforcement, but beyond the emotional turmoil such a betrayal caused, she was having a hard time getting her financial situation back in order. That’s when she sought out the help from the GSA team who began working feverishly on her case by ensuring the investigators were getting the proper information and by helping her respond to debt collectors.

Fortunately, Lucy is a believer and has maintained a steadfast trust that God will help her resolve these issues. In addition to legal assistance, GSA volunteers prayed with Lucy and helped provide her comfort in the midst of her turmoil.

“CLS helped affirm the big vision I received from God for starting a Christian Legal Aid program, and to know that I wasn’t crazy! I appreciate all of the mentoring, resources, and contacts that CLS has provided in helping us to get our new clinic started.”

– CLA clinic leader

“The 2018 CLA Mid-Atlantic Retreat gave me a fresh new, second wind. I was about to give up on doing Christian Legal Aid but I was so encouraged by this retreat that I am now continuing, and going strong, and have the motivation to motivate my [local CLA] group. Thank you.” – CLS member and CLA volunteer

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CHRISTIAN LEGAL AID CLINICS

ARIZONA

Phoenix Metro Area

Christian Legal Aid of Arizona

Tucson

Christian Legal Society of Tucson

Christian Legal Aid Program

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles

Pepperdine University Legal Aid Clinic

Los Angeles Metro Area

Christian Legal Aid of Los Angeles

Oakland

Pope Francis Legal Clinic

San Bernardino Metro Area

Crosswalk Legal Clinic

San Diego Metro Area

San Diego Christian Legal Aid
(SDCLA)

San Jose

Silicon Valley Christian Legal Aid

Santa Ana

Trinity Law Clinic at the Orange
County Rescue Mission

Santa Ana

Trinity Mobile Legal Clinic

COLORADO

Colorado Springs

Ecumenical Christian Legal Services

Denver

Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic

Denver Metro

Christian Legal Clinics of Metro

Denver

- Denver Rescue Mission Clinic
- Broomfield FISH Clinic
- Samaritan House Clinic
- Salvation Army Clinic
- Providence Network Clinic
- More Life Center Clinic
- Life Center Clinic
- SECOR Clinic

Fort Collins

Serve 6.8 Legal Clinic

DELAWARE

Wilmington

Mission Legal Aid Clinic

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, DC

Christian Legal Aid of the District of
Columbia (CLADC)

- Central Union Mission
- DC Dream Center

FLORIDA

Jacksonville

CLS Pro Bono Project

Jacksonville Metro Area

Jericho Road Legal Service Ministry

ILLINOIS

Chicago

Cabrini Green Legal Aid

Chicago Metro Area

Administer Justice

- Wheaton Bible Church
- Christ Community Church
- Fox Valley Church
- Wayside Cross Ministries
- Christ Church of Oak Brook
- Willow Creek Care Center

INDIANA

Indianapolis Metro Area

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic

KANSAS

Wichita

Wichita Christian Legal Aid

KENTUCKY

Louisville

Metro Christian Legal Aid

MARYLAND

Gaithersburg

Good Samaritan Advocates at

Covenant Life Church

Silver Spring and Baltimore

Christian Legal Aid Maryland (CLAiM)

MICHIGAN

Detroit Metro Area

Christian Legal Aid of Southeast

Michigan

Grand Rapids Metro Area

West Michigan Christian Legal Aid

Kalamazoo

Christian Legal Aid of Southwest
Michigan

Lansing

Christian Legal Aid of Lansing

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis

Park Avenue Walk-in Legal Clinic

Twin Cities

Twin Cities Christian Legal Aid
(TCCLA)

MISSISSIPPI

Jackson

Mission First Legal Aid Office

MISSOURI

St. Louis Metro Area

New Covenant Legal Services

NEW JERSEY

Newark Metro Area

Immigrant Hope

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque

New Mexico Christian Legal Aid

NEW YORK

New York City

Open Hands Legal Services, Inc.

NORTH CAROLINA

Durham

Justice Matters

Raleigh

Campbell Community Law Clinic

OHIO

Cleveland

Scranton Road Legal Clinic

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City Metro Area

Trinity Legal

- Crossings Community Center
- Cross and Crown Mission
- City Rescue Mission
- Living Faith Ministry
- Salvation Army – Norman

Tulsa

Tulsa Dream Center – Legal
Assistance

Tulsa University College of Law
CLS Christian Legal Aid Clinic

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia

Christian Legal Clinics of
Philadelphia

- West Philadelphia Legal Clinic
- Hunting Park Legal Clinic
- Carroll Park Legal Clinic
- South Philadelphia Legal Clinic
- Chester Legal Clinic
- Germantown Legal Clinic
- Kensington Legal Clinic
- Chosen 300 Legal Clinic
- North Philadelphia Legal
Clinic

Pittsburgh

Christian Legal Aid of Pittsburgh

TENNESSEE

Murfreesboro

Murfreesboro Christian Legal
Clinic

Nashville Metro Area

Compassionate Counsel

TEXAS

Houston

Houston Legal Aid Center

VIRGINIA

Arlington

Restoration Immigration Legal Aid

Northern Virginia

Good Samaritan Advocates

- Columbia Baptist Church
- Reston Bible Church
- The Lamb Center

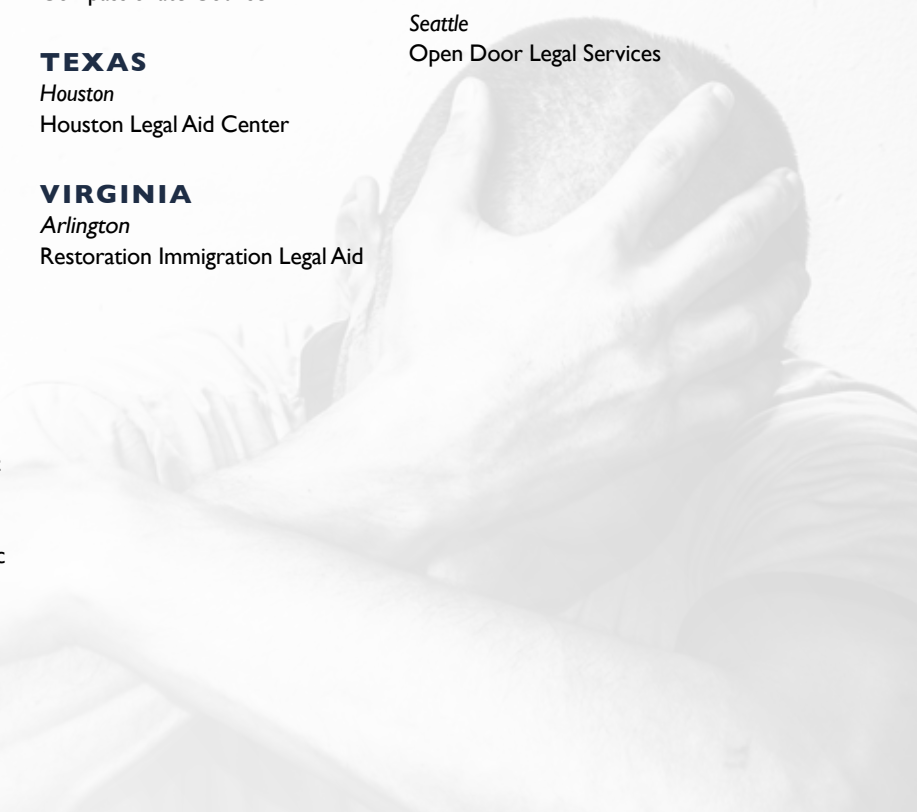
Roanoke

Roanoke Rescue Mission

WASHINGTON

Seattle

Open Door Legal Services





CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY
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 is 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 2018, the Center's work included advancing federal legislative language to protect religious student groups who face exclusion from college campuses for requiring their leaders to be religious, filing briefs to defend Christians' voices in the public square, and fighting new threats to Christian lawyers' ability to practice law consistently with their religious beliefs.

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2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Defending Religious Dissenters: The United States Supreme Court ruled, in June 2018, that the Colorado Civil Rights Commission violated the Free Exercise Clause when it ordered a Christian baker to create a cake to celebrate a same-sex wedding. The Court's analysis tracked a friend-of-the-court brief filed by the Center, which had been specifically noted during the oral argument. (*Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*)

Protecting the Rights of Religious Student Groups: During 2018, the Center once again defended the rights of religious student groups to meet in schools and on college campuses, including fighting for legislation to protect the groups' rights, defending the right of religious student groups to gather on college campuses, and providing expert testimony and written statements urging state and federal legislatures to protect the rights of religious student groups.

ABA Model Rule 8.4(G): The Center continues to lead the opposition to the American Bar Association's Model Rule 8.4(g). In 2018, CLS filed comment letters opposing adoption of ABA Model Rule 8.4(g) in Arizona, Idaho, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Utah. CLS successfully encouraged its members and attorney chapters to also submit comment letters opposing the adoption of the model rule in these states.

Helping Christians Persecuted for Their Faith: Center Director Kim Colby and CLS Board Member Ken Starr gave a presentation to immigration judges, at their annual conference, about the correct standard for evaluating religious asylum claims. They explained to the immigration judges that Congress intended to give persons seeking asylum from religious persecution a refuge in America from regimes who punish those who only want to worship peacefully with others.

Religious Freedom in the Public Schools: The Center facilitated the publication of the Fall 2018 issue of *The Christian Lawyer* magazine, titled *Public Schools and Religious Freedom*, which focused on the overlooked open doors for engaging in religious expression in the public schools. An electronic version of this publication is available on the CLS and Center websites (search *The Christian Lawyer*).

IN THE COURTS

Defending Religious Dissenters: In June 2018, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Colorado Civil Rights Commission had violated the Free Exercise Clause by ordering a Christian baker to create a cake celebrating a same-sex wedding, a wedding the baker understood to be an inherently religious event. The Court's analysis tracked a friend-of-the-court brief the Center had filed and that had been specifically referenced during oral argument. Later in 2018, Center Director Kim Colby was a panelist discussing the *Masterpiece Cakeshop* decision at the ABA's Annual Meeting.
(*Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*)

Including Religious Symbols in the Public Square: The Center joined a friend-of-the-court brief filed in the United States Supreme Court in December 2018 urging the Court to find that a World War I memorial, which is located on public property, does not violate the Establishment Clause simply because it is shaped like a cross.
(*American Legion v. American Humanist Association*)

Protecting Pro-Life Speech: In January 2018, the Center joined a friend-of-the-court brief urging the United States Supreme Court to protect the right of pro-life pregnancy resource centers to refuse to post signs telling women where to go for a free abortion, as California law required the centers to do. In June 2018, the Court ruled in favor of the centers and pro-life speech.
(*National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra*)

In a separate case, in March 2018, the Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the United States Supreme Court urging it to protect a pro-life pregnancy resource center from an oppressive San Francisco ordinance.
(*First Resort v. Herrera*)

Guarding Churches and Their Clergy: In April 2018, the Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief in a federal appeals court to defend the clergy housing allowance from an Establishment Clause attack. The brief argued that religious congregations would be forced to absorb a significant economic burden if the clergy housing allowance were found unconstitutional.
(*Gaylor v. Munchin*)

Securing Religious Schools' Choice of Teachers: In July 2018, the Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief in a California state appellate court in support of a Jewish preschool's right to choose its teachers without governmental interference.
(*Su v. Stephen S. Wise Temple*)

Aiding Religious Employees: In October 2018, the Center filed a friend-of-the-court brief urging the United States Supreme Court to review the case of a pharmacy employee who was fired because he needed a religious accommodation to observe his Sabbath.
(*Walgreens v. Patterson*)

In December 2018, the Center joined a friend-of-the-court brief in a federal appeals court in support of a hospital job applicant who was denied employment because she required a religious accommodation to observe her Sabbath.
(*EEOC v. North Memorial*)



“I am so thankful for [CLS] stepping in to help solve misunderstandings between the school and our student chapter - it was a huge burden lifted off our shoulders!”

***– president of the Arizona State University
Sandra Day O’Connor School of Law CLS chapter***



PROTECTING STUDENTS' RIGHT TO MEET ON CAMPUS

The Center continues to defend the right of religious student groups to meet in K-12 schools and on college campuses despite resistance from some educational administrators. Often these religious groups are the only contact that hundreds of thousands of students will have with Christianity during their school years. Because schools and campuses are mission fields ripe for the harvest, keeping them open for Christian students to meet and share the Gospel is vital.

Fighting for Federal Legislation to Protect Religious Student Groups: Throughout 2018, the Center worked to secure passage of federal legislation that would prohibit public colleges from refusing to recognize religious student groups because of their “religious beliefs, practices, speech, leadership and membership standards, or standards of conduct.” The Center succeeded in the House Education and Workforce Committee, which included the language in its bill to reauthorize the Higher Education Act, but the Senate failed to move higher education legislation. Demonstrating the Center’s strong relationships with other organizations, long-time allies such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Southern Baptists’ Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America were among the many organizations who added their support to the Center’s efforts.

Written Statement on Campus Free Speech Issues: On September 26, 2018, the House Education and Workforce Committee held a hearing “Examining First Amendment Rights on Campus.” The Center submitted a written statement that focused on Christian students’ personal narratives of the obstacles they had encountered on their campuses simply because their religious groups required their leaders to be religious.

Defending CLS Students at University of Iowa: On October 29, 2018, CLS filed a friend-of-the-court brief in support of religious student groups on the University of Iowa campus. The University has threatened to exclude religious student groups from campus if they continue to require their leaders to agree with their core religious beliefs.

Providing Expert Testimony Regarding Legislation to Protect Religious Students: Several states, including Iowa, South Dakota, and Ohio, considered legislation or regulations to protect students’ religious expression at either colleges or K-12 schools. The Center provided written statements discussing the constitutionality of these various provisions.

Aiding College Students Nationwide

The Center also helped religious student groups remain on campus in Arizona, Indiana, and Iowa, along with campuses in numerous other states.

The background of the page is a faded, light blue-tinted image of the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C. The dome is the central focus, with its intricate architectural details visible. The sky is a pale blue with soft, white clouds. The overall tone is professional and official.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Protecting Healthcare Workers' Religious Consciences: In March, CLS submitted a comment letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in support of new actions by HHS to protect doctors' and nurses' religious consciences by defending their right not to participate in abortions.

HHS Comment Letter Submitted: In July, CLS filed a comment letter commending the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a proposed rule that would protect conscience rights by furthering the traditional federal policy of preventing taxpayer funding of abortion. CLS supported the proposed rule because its provisions will protect all Americans' freedom to live according to their deepest convictions regarding the sanctity of human life. From the beginning, Congress prohibited Title X funding from being used for abortion; however, during pro-abortion administrations, Title X funding has been administered in ways whereby abortion providers have had access to substantial taxpayer funding. The proposed rule would return Title X to its original purpose of providing family planning services – and not abortion.

Protecting Pro-Life Healthcare Workers and Faith-Based Adoption Providers: CLS joined a letter to congressional leadership in September 2018 supporting passage of the Conscience Protection Act and the Child Welfare Providers Inclusion Act, which would strengthen statutory protection from government discrimination against pro-life healthcare entities.

Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act: CLS signed onto a coalition letter to urge House Appropriations Committee leadership to add this Act, which would protect faith-based adoption and foster agencies, to the 2019 fiscal year appropriations bill.

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PROTECTING CHRISTIAN LAWYERS FROM ABA MODEL RULE 8.4(G)

The Center leads 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. ABA 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.

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. The Center has been recognized as the foremost resource for equipping attorneys with information about the model rule.

In 2018, CLS filed comment letters opposing adoption of ABA Model Rule 8.4(g) in Arizona, Idaho, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Utah. CLS encouraged its attorney chapters, as well as its members, to submit comment letters opposing the adoption of the model rule in these states, and many did so. While the state supreme courts in Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Utah have yet to make a decision, the state supreme courts in Arizona, Idaho, and Tennessee issued orders in 2018 declining to adopt the model rule. These states join Illinois, Louisiana, Montana, North Dakota, South Carolina, and Texas as states in which official entities have rejected ABA Model Rule 8.4(g), and Colorado and Nevada where efforts to adopt the model rule were abandoned.

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





CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY
**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 careers in the law. Our goal is to equip these students with resources that will help them learn to thrive both 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 400 law student fellowship leaders, who in turn lead thousands of students at 130 law schools throughout the nation. LSM helps encourage and equip these leaders 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 by providing scholarships for them to attend!), and by providing extensive written and online resources to equip and encourage them in their law school journeys.

Partnerships: Regent University School of Law continued to partner with CLS to advance and enhance the mission of the Institute for Christian Legal Studies, which creates resources for law students and lawyers, including publications like the *Journal of Christian Legal Thought*, as well as podcasts and Bible studies.

CLS also continued its partnership with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF), joining forces in shared ministry at retreats and conferences and in the training of IVCF Graduate and Faculty Ministries (GFM) staff to serve law students in CLS campus groups. More than two dozen GFM staff serve CLS chapters around the country.

Campus Ministry: This year, CLS law students have outdone themselves serving their campuses and the world through service projects. For example, the Drake Law School chapter hosted an event with a local law firm, packaging thousands of meals for malnourished individuals around the world. The UNT-Dallas chapter stayed closer to home, venturing to the sidewalks bordering the law school to serve coffee and donuts to the homeless population in their neighborhood. Northern Illinois law students, together with another campus organization, hosted “Alex’s Lemonade Stand” to raise money for cancer research, inspired by a local four-year-old who battled neuroblastoma. Scores of other student chapters reached their campuses, their communities, and the world with similar service projects in 2018!



“Throughout these conferences, I’ve learned how to better integrate my faith with my future profession, and I’m grateful that I have a network of attorneys who pray for me, are available to mentor me, and can give me godly advice.” - Third-year law student, Pepperdine University

“My experience at this conference has been profound, challenging, and encouraging! I’m so grateful that I could connect with so many other law students who love Christ and see the Kingdom in their work. I feel invigorated and inspired by my brothers and sisters in Christ faithfully practicing law, and I am excited for what my future career has in store for me. Thank you so much!” - Second-year law student, Pepperdine University

***“This weekend has re-inspired me to shine brighter amidst the darkness!”
- Third-year law student, Chicago-Kent College of Law***

***“I love how the [CLS] national conference always rejuvenates my soul, and it has changed my entire law school experience. Thank you for making this possible!”
- Third-year law student, University of California - Los Angeles***



CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY
**LAW SCHOOL
FELLOWS**

Law Student Ministries launched the CLS Law School Fellows program in 2018 and commissioned 26 Fellows after an intense and worshipful week of training centered around the topics of Christian jurisprudence, vocational stewardship, and professional identity. According to the newly-commissioned Fellows, it was a life-changing week! Students left with a desire to *“practice law for God’s glory,”* in the words of one second-year student, *“and with a better understanding of how to do so.”*



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*“I am endlessly grateful for this life-changing and life-transforming experience.
I found life-long friends, deeper communion with Christ, and a renewed
zeal for my calling and the people within it.”*

- 2018 CLS Law School Fellow

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LAW SCHOOLS SERVED

American University
Appalachian School of Law
Arizona State University
Barry University at Orlando
Baylor Law School
Belmont University
Boston College
Brooklyn Law School
California Western
Campbell University
Capital University
Case Western Reserve University
Charleston School of Law (SC)
Chicago-Kent College of Law
Concordia University
Cornell University
Dallas Baptist University (Pre-Law)
DePaul University
Drake University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Emory University
Florida A&M University
Florida Coastal School of Law
Florida State University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Georgia State University
Harvard University
Indiana University - Bloomington
Indiana University - Indianapolis
Inter American University of Puerto Rico

John Marshall Law School (GA)
John Marshall Law School (IL)
Lewis and Clark Law School
Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Law School - Los Angeles
Loyola University Chicago Law
Marquette University
Mercer University
Michigan State University
Mississippi College
Mitchell Hamline School of Law
New York University
North Carolina Central University
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Ohio Northern University
Oklahoma City University
Penn State Dickinson School of Law
Pepperdine University
Quinnipiac University
Regent University
San Joaquin College of Law
Savannah Law School
Seattle University
Southern Methodist University
Stetson University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Southern University
Texas Tech University
The George Washington University

The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Mississippi
The University of Texas
Trinity Law School
Tulane University
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of Buffalo
University of California - Berkley
University of California - Davis
University of California - Hastings
University of California - Irvine
University of California - Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii
University of Houston
University of Illinois
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Memphis
University of Miami

University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri - Columbia
University of Missouri - Kansas City
University of Nebraska
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina
University of North Texas - Dallas
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Pacific McGeorge
University of Pittsburgh

University of San Diego
University of Saint Thomas (MN)
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee
University of Toledo
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University

Wake Forest School of Law
Washburn University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University
Western Michigan University - Grand Rapids
Western Michigan University - Tampa Bay
Western State College of Law
West Virginia University
Whittier Law School
Yale University





CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

ATTORNEY
MINISTRIES

CLS' Attorney Ministries provides Christian attorneys the rare opportunity to gather with other like-minded legal professionals, and the network of CLS attorney chapters is the nexus through which Christian lawyers, professors, judges, friends and others meet, connect, and grow in understanding their vocation. Throughout 2018, CLS attorney chapters around the country held events where attorneys came together with other legal professionals of the Christian faith to fellowship, gain legal training, explore vocation, mentor law students, and reach and serve their communities for Christ.

CLS Attorney Chapters: The number of CLS attorney chapters grew to 52 in 2018, welcoming a new chapter in Springfield, Missouri. Throughout the year, CLS chapters organized and participated in numerous activities including trainings, CLEs, law student gatherings, and Bible studies. Chapters in New York City, Dallas, and Chicago also sponsored attorney and family get-togethers. Chapter leaders from Chicago gathered for the CLS Law Student Summit, where students reflected on the intersection of law and faith, brainstormed events for their chapters, and fellowshiped with one another and the local lawyers.

Chapter Websites: Attorney Ministries also launched new, individual webpages for each of the CLS attorney chapters. These pages are great resources for the chapters and allow attorneys new to CLS to locate a local chapter and connect directly with the chapter leader.

Chapter Leader Resources: Attorney Ministries continued to host quarterly Chapter Leader Roundtables as a resource for attorney chapter leaders. These calls provide a forum for chapter leaders to share best practices and the challenges faced by balancing a family, work, and community service and to serve as an encouragement to each other as the lead CLS volunteer in their community. The 2018 Roundtables focused on discipleship, leadership, vocation, and the practice of law. Building on the success of the Roundtables, CLS chapter leaders from around the nation gathered together at the 2018 CLS National Conference to learn more about attorney leadership and discipleship and to share news about their local chapter ministry. The highlight of the event was the fellowship and encouragement the chapter leaders shared with one another to inspire them in their work.

Chapter Engagement: Several CLS directors traveled to attorney and law student chapters across the country to speak, meet with, and encourage them in their local ministry, whether in a city or on a campus. Attorney Ministries also conducted two webinars in 2018. The goals of the webinars were to offer attorneys encouragement, practical tools, and information to help them build their law practices. The ultimate objective is to allow them to better serve their clients.



*“... without this training and fellowship, I would not have the courage to lead.”
– CLS local attorney chapter leader*

“Thank you so much for allowing me to join . . . It is a blessing to be part of Christian Legal Society. It is not an easy task to find others in the profession who truly live out their faith in their vocation.” – new CLS member

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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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FLORIDA

Jacksonville
Orlando
Palm Beach (West)

GEORGIA

Atlanta

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Williamson County

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Richmond

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Seattle

**New Chapter*

2018

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

PUBLICATIONS

In 2018, CLS published two issues of *The Christian Lawyer* magazine. The Spring issue celebrated the milestone of *50 Years of Publishing* for the magazine, and the Fall issue was a highly-praised, practical resource produced by CLS' Center for Law and Religious Freedom titled *Public Schools and Religious Freedom*. In conjunction with Regent University and the Institute for Christian Legal Studies, CLS also released two issues of the *Journal of Christian Legal Thought*.



E-DEVOTIONALS

CLS produced and emailed devotionals specifically for Christians in the legal profession, covering topics like Christian vocation, spiritual formation, and community. Our subscribers received them every month and have expressed their appreciation for the encouragement in their walk with the Lord as lawyers and law students.

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 in 2018 featured interviews with CLS Center Director Kim Colby on *Masterpiece Cakeshop*, CLS Board member Myron Steeves on *The Church and Culture*, and Professor Jeff Brauch on *What it Means to Be Human*. The Cross and Gavel Podcast is available on iTunes and any podcast app.

“This is an incredible resource. Thank you.”

– national nonprofit ministry about *The Christian Lawyer* magazine issue, *Public Schools and Religious Freedom*

“I sincerely appreciate your gracious efforts in working with me to get these publications in the hands of my son.”

- mother of a first year law student



GETTING CONNECTED IN 2018

REGIONAL RETREATS

CLS hosts regional retreats to give attorneys and law students time away from the office and classes to focus on important topics of faith and law, to fellowship with others, and to relax. Families are an important part of CLS regional retreats, so in addition to fellowship and learning, there is also ample time for fun and relaxation.

CLS hosted three regional retreats – in the Northeast, the Midwest, and the Northwest. These exciting retreats, facilitated by local chapters, provided fellowship, relaxation, study, and fun area activities for attendees and their families. CLS also hosted a cruise retreat in 2018; this was a unique event that allowed attendees a more significant period of fellowship, retreat, and relaxation while still tackling the substantive topics of law and faith.

In 2018, Christian Legal Aid hosted the first regional Christian Legal Aid Retreat. Forty attorneys and other CLA volunteers from six CLA programs came together in Sandy Cove, Maryland, for a weekend of training and fellowship, including many new people who received CLA training for the first time.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Christian attorneys, judges, professors, law students, scholars, friends, and family members gathered on the beautiful white sand beaches of Clearwater Beach, Florida, in October for the 2018 CLS National Conference. Over 400 attendees joined us and heard from speakers including Shirley Hoogstra from the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, Mark Lanier from the Lanier Law Firm, former Attorney General Edwin Meese, and Dr. Steve Brown. The theme was *Being Faithful: Advocating for Justice, Mercy, and Truth*. The main speakers, along with dozens of workshop speakers, challenged everyone to consider how Jesus sees faith as part of the law and to never forget Jesus' warning to not neglect the weightier matters of justice, mercy, and faith.

Workshops at the conference covered a wide range of topics and practice areas including religious freedom, church and nonprofit law, estate planning, appellate practice, Christian Legal Aid, business acquisition, practice management, immigration law, and trial advocacy. CLS was excited to welcome back this year, as part of the program, the General Counsel Forum and both the Anglican and the Orthodox Christian lawyer gatherings. It was a fantastic weekend of fellowship, learning, and fun.



2019

UPCOMING NATIONAL CONFERENCES

2019 - CHICAGO

2020 - WASHINGTON, DC

2021 - SAN ANTONIO



2020



2021



36,200+
Volunteer
Attorney Hours
supporting
Christian Legal Aid



52 **Active Nationwide**
Attorney Chapters



Serving
146
Communities
through
Christian Legal Aid



130

Law Schools

2,500+

Student Participants

2,580
served
each month

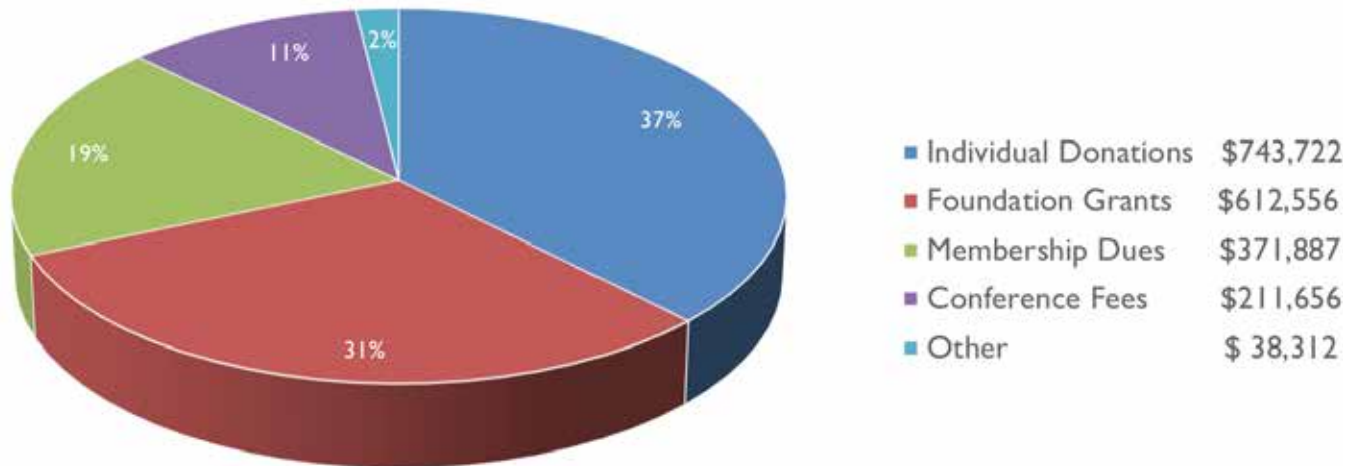
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2018 FINANCIALS

At Christian Legal Society, we are committed to putting every dollar possible directly toward ministry. We constantly strive to become more efficient and more effective with the funds we are given. In 2018, 84 cents out of every dollar was invested in ministry programs.

2018 REVENUE SOURCES

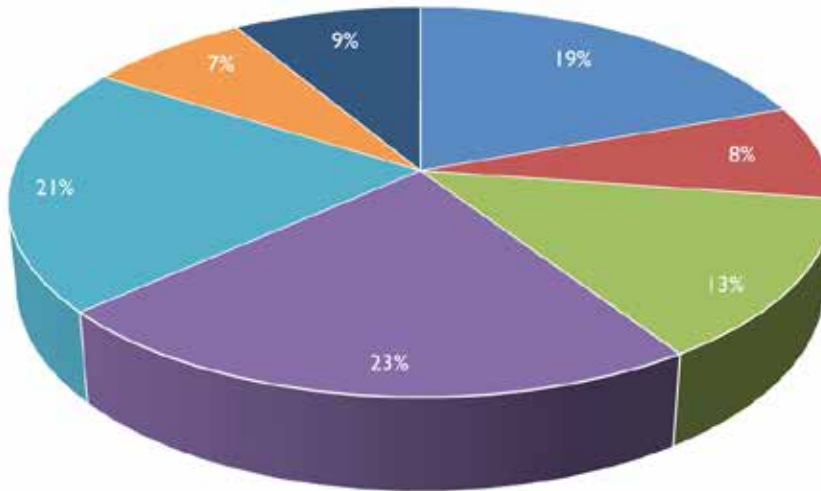


TOTAL REVENUE

\$1,978,133

Note: These financial reports for 2018 are pending completion of our annual audit. All information on these pages reflects data from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. CLS' Annual Report, IRS form 990, and audited financial statements are available at ChristianLegalSociety.org.

2018 PROGRAM EXPENSES



■ Attorney Ministries	\$307,876
■ Christian Legal Aid	\$123,670
■ Conferences	\$211,920
■ Law Student Ministries	\$358,566
■ The Center	\$325,491
■ Administration	\$117,555
■ Development	\$135,674

EXPENSE AREA	TOTAL EXPENSES	% OF 2018 EXPENSES
Program Services & Event Costs <i>Expenses incurred fulfilling CLS' vision and mission including Attorney Ministries, Christian Legal Aid, Law Student Ministries, the Center for Law & Religious Freedom, and conferences and retreats.</i>	\$1,327,522	84%
General & Administration <i>Expenses related to business management, finance and administration, and human resource management.</i>	\$117,555	7.4%
Development <i>Expenses related to engaging current and potential donors and encouraging contributions of money, securities, materials and other assets, services, and time.</i>	\$135,674	8.6%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,580,751	100%

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

Our work is supported entirely by faithful individuals and foundations, like yourself, who share our mission. As a Christian nonprofit ministry, CLS does not accept government funds. 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
- planning and on-site assistance at the CLS regional retreats
- mentoring law students
- mentoring young lawyers
- leadership and coordination of CLS attorney and law student chapters

Share

Please tell your friends, family, and colleagues about CLS. Share the CLS publications with everyone you know. We are always thankful for your positive words for our critical ministries.

Get Connected

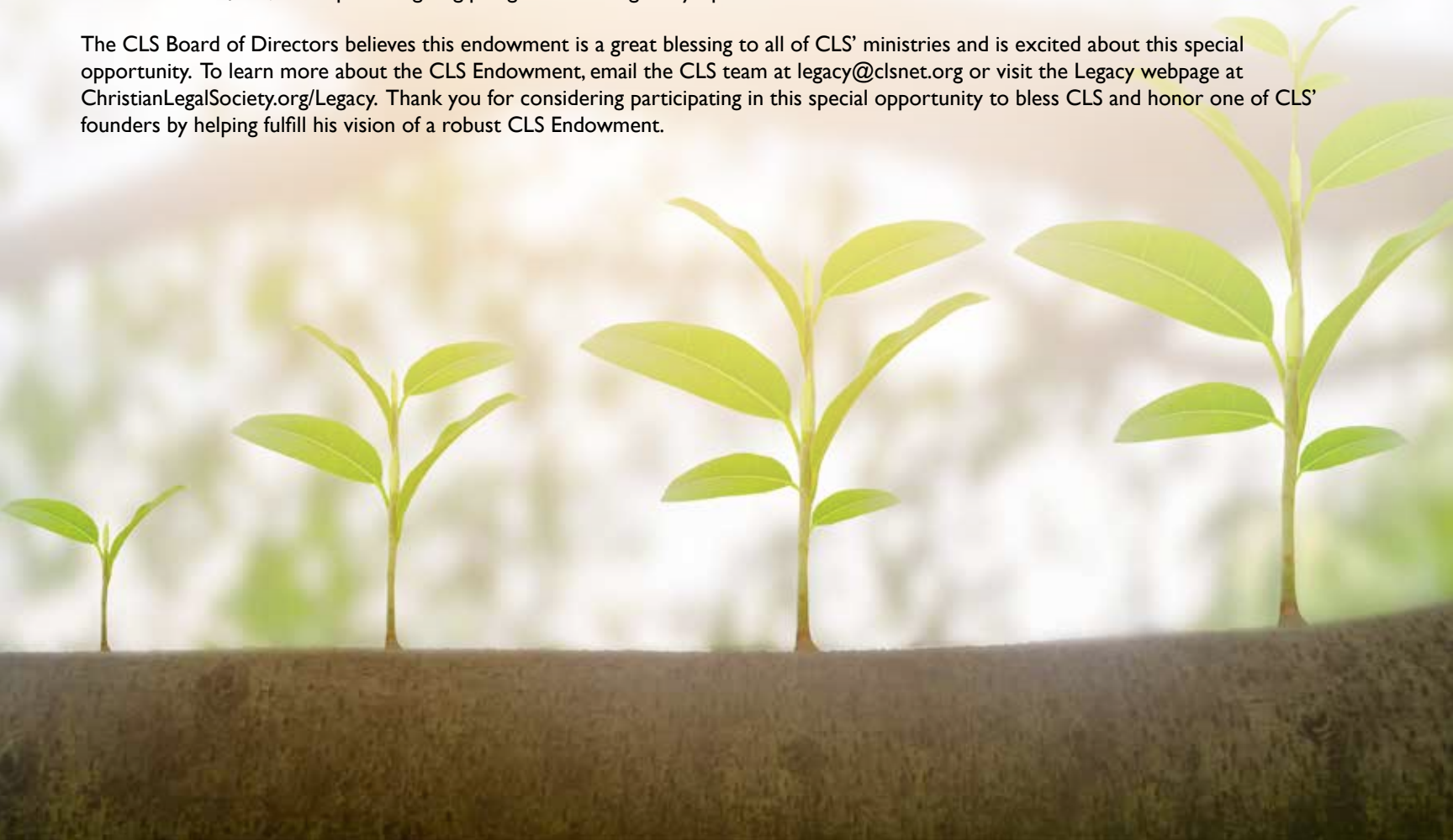
Show up and get involved with a local attorney or law student chapter. Stay connected by following Christian Legal Society on Facebook or Twitter. Read through the CLS magazine and journal. Sign up for devotionals, monthly emails, and various CLS communications.

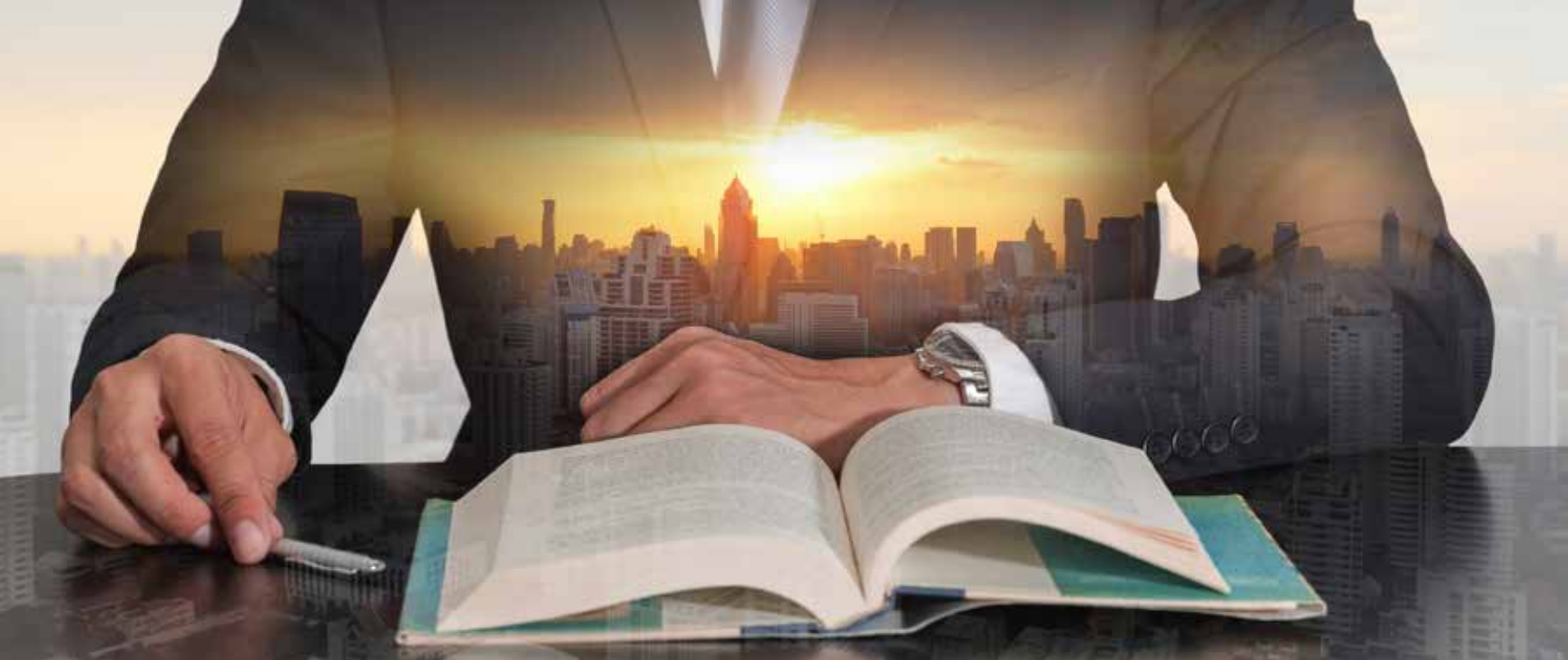
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CLS ENDOWMENT

In 2018, CLS publicly launched the CLS Endowment. In April 2018, upon the death of one of CLS' founding members, a five-year period was initiated giving CLS a unique opportunity to receive \$500,000 towards the endowment. To receive this generous matching grant of \$500,000, CLS must raise \$500,000 in planned giving pledges or direct gifts by April 2023.

The CLS Board of Directors believes this endowment is a great blessing to all of CLS' ministries and is excited about this special opportunity. To learn more about the CLS Endowment, email the CLS team at legacy@clsnet.org or visit the Legacy webpage at ChristianLegalSociety.org/Legacy. Thank you for considering participating in this special opportunity to bless CLS and honor one of CLS' founders by helping fulfill his vision of a robust CLS Endowment.





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