



**2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

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



# **ABOUT**

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.

# **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.

# **MINISTRIES**

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

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

# THANK YOU!

It is a pleasure to report another great year of accomplishment and blessings at Christian Legal Society. This Annual Report is a brief summary of what we accomplished in 2016.

CLS continued 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 continued to help churches, nonprofit organizations, and religious schools navigate the changing legal environment and continued to defend religious freedom for all Americans. We 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 defend the widow and orphan.

At CLS, we seek to glorify God in all we do and make an impact for His Kingdom. Our 2016 National Conference theme echoed our command to never forget the weightier matters of law: justice, mercy, and humility.

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.



Jennifer Patrick, J.D.  
President and Chairman of the Board



David Nammo, J.D.  
Executive Director and CEO

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY IS  
AN ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIANS  
DEDICATED TO SERVING JESUS CHRIST

THROUGH THE **PRACTICE AND STUDY OF LAW,**  
THE **DEFENSE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM,**  
AND THE **PROVISION OF LEGAL AID TO THE NEEDY.**



CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

# 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 urgent legal needs of the most vulnerable members of our society, such as housing evictions, wage theft, and domestic abuse.

**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 it.

**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 volunteer lawyers through our attorney network, CLA is helping meet the needs of the most vulnerable members of our society. **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 on the CLS website. These resources remain highly sought after with CLS receiving regular inquires about these services. Many prominent Christian organizations direct those in need to these CLS services.

In 2016, Christian Legal Aid provided legal aid training to over 300 attorneys, and a record six new clinics were added to the Christian Legal Aid network.

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**LAWYER**  
DIRECTORY

CHRISTIAN  
**LEGAL AID**  
**CLINIC**  
DIRECTORY



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IN 2016**

## LEGAL AID SUMMIT

Approximately 70 Christian legal aid leaders and volunteers from around the country attended the 2016 Legal Aid Summit at the CLS National Conference. Participants had a great time of fellowship and networking. We discussed issues such as "Refugees & Immigrants: a Threat or a Blessing?" and "The Ministry of Domestic Violence in Christian Legal Aid" and held workshops on "Fundraising for CLA Clinics" and "Christian Legal Aid Best Practices."

*"The fellowship, support and time shared with like-minded colleagues was a true blessing and contributed to the spark that God has planted in my heart to be a part of the fight for justice for the poor, immigrant, child and widows in our society and around the world."*

*- 2016 Legal Aid Summit Attendee*

## WEBINAR TRAININGS

CLS provided training to about 300 Christian legal aid leaders and volunteers through live workshops and our series of webinars on topics such as "Introduction to Christian Legal Aid" and "The Importance of Effective Communication for CLA Clinics."

## ONE-ON-ONE LEGAL CONSULTATIONS

CLS provided one-on-one consultation to people interested in starting new CLA clinics in over 20 cities around the country. In addition to training attorneys in the operation of CLA clinics, we also trained attorneys looking to start new Christian Legal Aid clinics.

## 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. The readership of the CLA monthly newsletter, which provides valuable news and resources to clinic leaders and volunteers, has increased by nearly double since 2015.



**6 NEW  
CLINICS  
IN 2016**



CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

# CENTER FOR LAW AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

## PROTECTING STUDENTS' RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ON CAMPUS

### **Federal Testimony**

The Center provided a written statement to the U.S. House Ways and Means Oversight Subcommittee's Hearing on "Protecting the Free Exchange of Ideas on College Campuses."

### **Indiana**

The Center worked closely with numerous campus ministries to persuade Indiana University not to adopt a policy that would have prohibited religious groups from requiring their leaders to agree with the groups' religious beliefs.

### **Missouri**

The Center coordinated with several campus ministries to persuade Southeast Missouri State University to allow religious student groups to require their leaders to be religious.

### **Virginia**

The Center helped students at a high school in Loudoun County, Virginia, meet for prayer and Bible study on the same basis as other students were allowed to meet. The student group was told they could not meet during the student activity period. The Center sent a letter explaining that this violated the students' First Amendment rights, as well as their rights under the federal Equal Access Act. As a result, the group is now a recognized student group that meets during the student activity period.

### **Kansas**

The Kansas Legislature enacted a law to protect religious student groups. CLS member Craig Shultz testified before the Kansas Senate committee in support of its passage. The Center provided several letters explaining the need for the bill.

### **District of Columbia, North Carolina, and Texas**

The Center helped religious student groups in North Carolina, the District of Columbia, and Texas to remain on campus despite efforts to remove them.

### **Ohio**

The Center sent a letter to the Ohio House Education Committee in support of a bill that would protect the religious expression of students in public schools.

### **Maryland**

The Center filed an amicus brief in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in support of a young man who was denied admission to a public college radiology program. He had mentioned his religious faith in response to a question during his admissions interview. The brief argues that penalizing an applicant for a simple mention of religious faith is discrimination that violates the First Amendment.

### **Coalition Efforts**

The Center co-signed a letter with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and other campus groups to express support for all religious students to meet on campus.

### **Newseum Panel on Campus Issues**

The Center Director was one of several experts on a panel exploring current free speech issues on college campuses held at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

# DEFENDING THE RIGHTS OF RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

## **Department of Education regarding Title IX and Religious Colleges**

The Department of Education created webpages, at the behest of a group hostile to religious freedom, listing the religious colleges that had invoked their lawful religious exemption under Title IX. The Department-launched webpages were used by other groups to shame religious colleges for their orthodox religious beliefs about marriage and human sexuality. On behalf of several organizations representing religious colleges, the Center spearheaded a meeting with the Department to discuss religious colleges' concerns about the "shame list." The Center also sent a coalition letter to the Department asking it to remove the webpages.

## **California's Attempt to Punish Religious Colleges and Their Students**

The California Assembly considered two measures that would have severely damaged religious colleges in California and their students. AB 1888 would have denied Cal Grants to low-income students who attend religious colleges that have invoked their federal Title IX religious exemption.

SB 1146 would have restricted the policies that religious colleges could have regarding sexual conduct and marriage in housing, student conduct, and employment policies. In the end, the California Assembly required religious colleges that invoked their Title IX exemption to disclose that fact to students and employees, even though the colleges already did so. The Center encouraged CLS members in California to voice their concerns.

## **Executive Order 13559**

Nine federal agencies announced final regulations to implement Executive Order 13559. The regulations allowed religious organizations to receive federal funding to provide various social services without forfeiting their religious identities or religious mission. The regulations were the culmination of work by CLS members and staff over nearly two decades.

## **Michigan**

The Center filed an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court urging it to review the decision of Michigan state courts that did not respect the autonomy of religious organizations in pursuing internal dispute resolution in accordance with their religious structure.

## **Missouri**

The Center filed an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court in *Trinity Lutheran Church v. Pauley*. The Court will decide whether the State of Missouri can refuse to allow a church preschool to participate in a playground safety program solely because it is affiliated with a church. The CLS brief argued that child safety and public welfare outweigh the State's justifications for its discriminatory treatment of the religious preschool.

## **Russell Amendment**

The Center worked with a coalition of organizations to enact protections for religious contractors' and religious grantees' right to require their employees to conform to the organizations' religious beliefs and standards of conduct. The protections were called the Russell Amendment after Representative Russell of Oklahoma who introduced the religious freedom protections. After passing the House, the amendment was deleted in the Senate because President Obama threatened a veto. CLS signed onto a letter to the President explaining why the Russell Amendment was needed and fair.

# PROTECTING CHRISTIAN LAWYERS

## **ABA Model Rule 8.4(g)**

In March, the Center filed a comment letter with the ABA in opposition to proposed changes to Model Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(g), which could restrict all lawyers' First Amendment rights in their legal practices. The Center alerted CLS members to the proposed model rule and provided them with informational resources to voice their concerns to the ABA House of Delegates.

The ABA adopted a revised version of Model Rule 8.4(g) by voice vote in August. But the model rule only takes effect if it is adopted in the individual states. Each state must decide whether or not to adopt the new model rule. The Center has attorney members monitoring the situation in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The Center also has developed resources that are available on its website to educate attorneys as to the pitfalls of the new model rule.

## **California**

The Center filed a comment letter with the California State Bar regarding two major proposed changes to the California Rules of Professional Conduct that would limit attorneys' First Amendment rights.

## **Montana**

The Center submitted a comment letter to the Montana Supreme Court, which is considering adopting ABA Model Rule 8.4(g).

## **Illinois**

The Center served as a resource to Illinois attorneys opposed to the adoption of ABA Model Rule 8.4(g). The Illinois State Bar Assembly voted to oppose adoption of the new model rule.

## **Texas**

The Center submitted a letter to the Texas State Bar in response to the Texas MCLE Committee's denial of accreditation for CLE programs with religious content.

## **Wyoming**

The Center joined an amicus brief in support of a Wyoming judge's ability to recuse herself from solemnizing marriages that violated her religious beliefs. The Wyoming Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics recommended the removal of the judge for her response to a reporter's questions. Under Wyoming law, a judge may, but need not, perform weddings. Unfortunately, the Wyoming Supreme Court denied motions to file several briefs, including the brief that CLS joined.

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## PROTECTING CONSCIENCE RIGHTS

### **Little Sisters of the Poor**

The Center filed an amicus brief in *Zubik v. Burwell* before the United States Supreme Court, urging the Court to require that the government respect the religious beliefs of religious nonprofits.

### **Stormans v. Wiesman**

The Center filed an amicus brief in support of Washington pharmacists who were required to dispense drugs that they believed terminated human lives. The Center argued that the Ninth Circuit disregarded evidence that Washington State's regulations were not necessary to ensure timely access to medications, which the State claimed was its justification for forcing them to violate their religious consciences. CLS also emphasized the longstanding American tradition of protecting conscience and religious dissenters in the abortion context.

### **Federal Legislation**

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Conscience Protection Act, 245-182, which expanded protections for individuals who object to participating in abortion. The Center urged the House leadership to pass the legislation.

### **Health and Human Services (HHS)**

The Center responded to HHS's request for information about ways it could provide certain drugs and devices to religious organizations' employees without violating religious freedom after the Supreme Court's decision in *Zubik v. Burwell*.

## PROTECTING LIFE

### **Whole Women's Health v. Cole**

The Center joined an amicus brief in *Whole Women's Health v. Cole* before the United States Supreme Court. The brief analyzed the "undue burden" standard in abortion case law. The brief argued that the Texas regulations protected the health of the mother and should be subject only to rational basis review.

### **National Institutes of Health**

The National Institutes of Health announced it would lift its moratorium on research that combines human and animal DNA to create chimeras, a form of life that is part human and part animal. The Center filed a comment letter urging that the moratorium on such research remain in place for legal, procedural, and ethical reasons.

# PROTECTING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

## Georgia

The Georgia General Assembly passed a modified state First Amendment Defense Act and a modified state Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The Center served as a resource for Georgia legislators. The Center sent a letter to Georgia's governor in an attempt to educate him about the need for the bill and to counter the misinformation about the bill that was being peddled by the media and business interests. Unfortunately, the governor refused to consider the legislation in an objective and informed manner and chose to veto the much-needed legislation.

## Mississippi

The Center filed an amicus brief in support of the First Amendment Defense Act that the Mississippi Legislature enacted. The brief urged the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold the statutory protection for religious individuals and institutions who wish to operate according to their religious beliefs regarding marriage, family, and sexual conduct. CLS argued that the statute provided necessary and constitutionally-permissible religious exemptions that in no way violated the Establishment Clause.

## Missouri

The Center submitted a letter in support of a proposed state First Amendment Defense Act.

## ***State of Washington v. Arlene's Flowers, Inc.***

The Center filed an amicus brief in the Washington State Supreme Court in support of a Christian florist who sold flowers to everyone but refused to use her creative talents to arrange flowers for a same-sex wedding ceremony. The brief argued that no compelling state interest had been demonstrated to justify forcing small business owners to participate in religious ceremonies that violate their religious consciences.

## Testimonies Center for Law and Religious Freedom

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*"[Because of the Center helping get our Bible study group recognized], we went from a small group of probably four on a good day to probably 14 on a small day....the Christian Legal Society has really been amazing. We are really grateful."*

*- One Voice Bible Study leaders, Loudoun Valley High School*

*"We want to thank CLS for all of your help in getting this [discriminatory] policy pushed back so we can still have our university club recognized by Indiana University."*

*- IU CLS Leader Katie Hughes*

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At the heart of the mission of Attorney Ministries is gathering lawyers for the purpose of fellowship and support. Christian attorneys 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.

Lawyers and law students are called to steward their vocations in the law by loving their neighbors and serving Christ through ordinary law practice and study.

In 2016, CLS encouraged thousands of attorneys and law students to love God and their neighbors as true disciples of Jesus. CLS continued to equip lawyers and law students to serve their neighbors through law practice, mentoring, service projects, and faithful study and training.



## **CHAPTER LEADER ROUNDTABLES**

In 2016, CLS hosted quarterly roundtable calls for chapter leaders. The topics included the American Bar Association's revision of Model Rule 8.4, the prospects for religious liberty in the new Administration, and best practices for staying on mission in serving lawyers and law students through local gatherings.

CLS hosted two Formation Chapter calls, inviting those thinking of forming CLS attorney chapters to ask questions about chapter formation and to get advice from lawyers who had done it in the past. These were extremely helpful and encouraging to lawyers who were praying together in 2016 about starting chapters.



CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

# LAW STUDENT MINISTRIES

Like Attorney Ministries, the heart of the mission of Law Student Ministries is gathering lawyers and future lawyers for the purpose of fellowship and support. Christian attorneys 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.

LSM supports more than 450 law student fellowship leaders at 145 law schools in the United States, who lead thousands of students, helping to encourage and equip them through monthly newsletters, connections to local lawyers, campus visits, the CLS National Conference, and CLS Regional Retreats.

Regent University School of Law partnered 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. Regent Law was a founder with CLS of ICLS and has once again generously committed resources and support in this critical joint ministry.

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.

***“Our CLS group was the most important part of law school for me and for many of my classmates. It provided opportunities for deep prayer on campus and for support and fellowship during difficult times. We were also able to serve our classmates and our professors well, and that was a huge blessing.”***  
***- CLS Law Student Chapter Member***

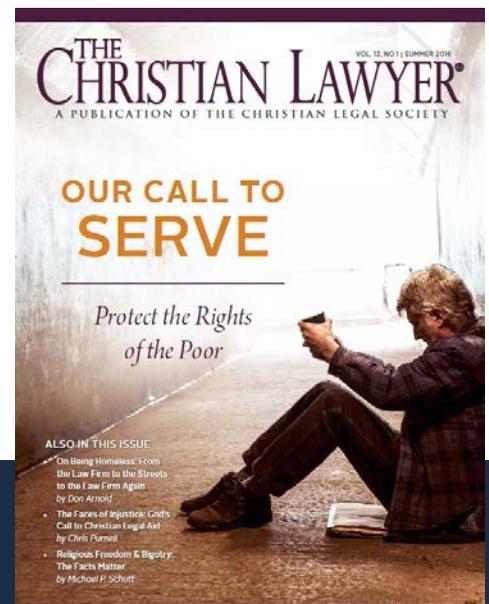
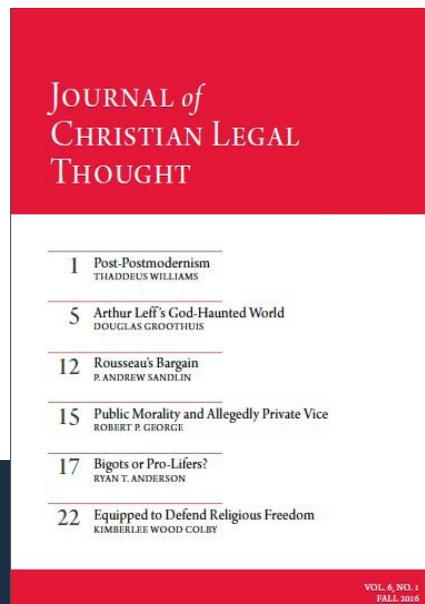
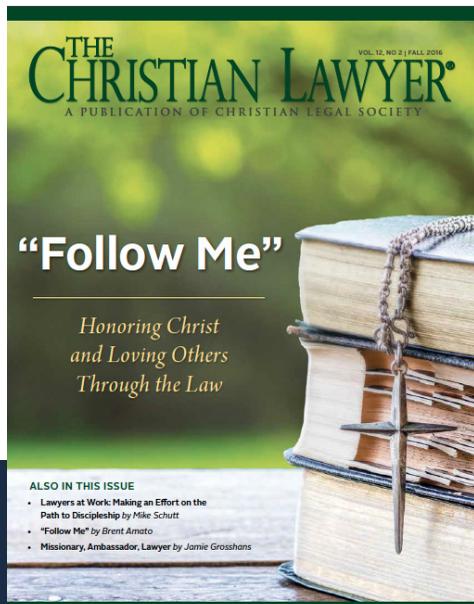


***Baylor Chapter Meeting***

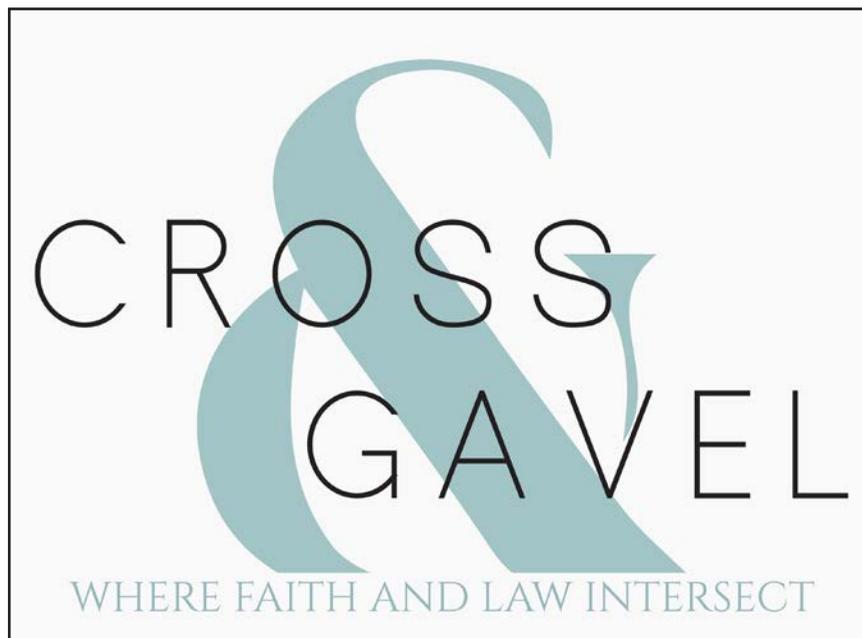
# PUBLICATIONS

In 2016, CLS produced two issues of *The Christian Lawyer* magazine and one issue of the *Journal of Christian Legal Thought*. These issues are available to CLS members in print and available to the public on ChristianLawyer.org.

*The Christian Lawyer* themes included Our Call to Serve: Protect the Right of the Poor and "Follow Me:" Honoring Christ and Loving Others Through The Law.



2016 Publications, *The Christian Lawyer* and *Journal of Christian Legal Thought*



## CROSS & GAVEL PODCASTS

We have more than tripled our listenership since the end of 2015. We saw 3500 downloads this year, and our average is creeping up toward 400 downloads per month. Some of our popular episodes featured interviews with Byron Berger on books on politics, Mark Bertrand on Bible design, Hunter Baker on Christian Democratic parties, and CLS CEO David Nammo on lawyers' habits and hope. All podcasts are available on iTunes and any podcast app.

# 2016 CHAPTER MEETINGS

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Local attorney chapters are the backbone of CLS.

All over the country, lawyers and students gather for fellowship, service, and training in groups as small as eight to ten and as large as eighty or more. The activities of our local chapters are as diverse as the lawyers who gather. Many support the local legal aid clinics and volunteer as groups; many chapters, like Minnesota and Arizona, have formal mentoring programs for law students in their cities; most band their attorneys together for service projects, such as Advocates for Community Transformation (Dallas), training, such as free Ethics CLEs, and socials.

In 2016, members of 50 attorney chapters and nearly 150 law student fellowships gathered regularly for discussion and fellowship.

Through local chapters, hundreds of CLS lawyers have touched thousands of Christians in the profession, training, encouraging, or empowering them to use their legal gifts in the Kingdom. In 2016, two new chapters formed what they hope to be annual gathering of all the chapters within their state.



# 2016 REGIONAL RETREATS

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Regional retreats provide a unique opportunity for engagement of ideas and one another in our exploration of these connections. In addition, bringing law students and lawyers together provides each group with the benefit of the unique perspective of the other: law students receive needed advice and mentorship, and lawyers are reminded of the challenges and joy of law school. Because regional retreats bring law students, lawyers, and their families together in the context of mentorship and the pursuit of faithful vocational stewardship, regional retreats are central to the CLS mission.

More than 60 lawyers, students, and family members gathered in Frost Valley, New York for the annual Northeast Attorney/Student retreat. Regent Law School Professor Jeff Brauch spoke on *Courage in Difficult Times*, focusing on standing strong in the face of cultural pressure, featuring four sessions based on the life of Daniel. Mike Schutt presented a CLE Ethics presentation, and InterVarsity law school campus staff David Williams facilitated a challenging discussion on race, division, and unity.

Thirty-five lawyers and students gathered in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin for the first ever Midwest Retreat. LSM field staff Brent Amato built the local team that executed the event. Steve Denny, David Nammo, Sylvia Chen, and Chris Stacy spoke on *Love Your Neighbor, Love Your Enemy*.

Attorneys and law students in Washington state met at the annual CLS Northwest Retreat weekend in April. During unseasonably warm weather, they gathered at beautiful Mountain Springs Lodge in Leavenworth, WA. The main speaker was Renee Stearns, who is the author of a devotional book and the wife of the president of World Vision.



*2016 Northeast Retreat*



*2016 Midwest Retreat*

# 2016 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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In October 2016, CLS held its annual National Conference in the Washington, DC area (Arlington, VA). CLS hosted around 500 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 2016 National Conference included Dr. Albert Mohler, Hon. Janice Rogers Brown, Peter K. Greer, and Efrem Smith.



## ***Conference Attendee Testimonies***

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*"If you are interested at all in integrating the most important thing you believe with what you do for a living, then experience this Conference."*

*"It will give you perspective on your life as a Christian attorney in a way no other opportunity will; you won't regret it."*

*"You will become better equipped, aware, and encouraged as a lawyer pursuing the will of God in your life and practice."*

*"Carve out a long weekend of your professional life to feed your soul and be reminded how we can make our work count for more than a paycheck."*



# UPCOMING NATIONAL CONFERENCES



# 2016 ATTORNEY CHAPTERS

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## 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

Washington

## FLORIDA

Jacksonville  
Orlando  
Palm Beach (West)  
Tallahassee

## GEORGIA

Atlanta

## 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

Memphis  
Nashville

## TEXAS

Austin  
Dallas  
Houston  
San Antonio

## VIRGINIA

Leesburg  
Richmond

## WASHINGTON STATE

Seattle



# 2016 LAW SCHOOLS SERVED

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The University of Alabama  
American University  
Appalachian School of Law  
Arizona State University  
University of Arizona  
Univ. of Arkansas-Fayetteville  
University of Baltimore  
Barry University at Orlando  
Belmont University  
Birmingham School of Law  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brooklyn Law School  
Univ. of CA-Davis  
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 College of Law  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Colorado  
Concord University  
Concordia University  
University of Connecticut  
Cornell University  
Creighton University  
University of Denver  
DePaul University  
University of Detroit-Mercy  
Drake University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Elon University  
Emory University  
University of Florida  
Florida A & M University  
Florida Coastal School of Law  
Florida International University  
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  
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  
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  
Ohio Northern University  
The Ohio State University  
Oklahoma City University  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Oregon  
Pepperdine University  
Phoenix-Arizona Summit Law  
University of Pittsburgh  
Quinnipiac University  
Regent University  
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  
Texas Southern (Marshall)  
The University of Texas  
Thomas M. Cooley Law (Tampa)  
University of Toledo  
Touro College  
Trinity Law School  
Tulane University  
Valparaiso University  
Vanderbilt University  
Villanova University  
University of Virginia  
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

# 2016 BY THE NUMBERS

**300+** Christian Attorneys  
**Received Legal Aid Training**

**ACTIVE IN OVER 15 RELIGIOUS LIBERTY BATTLES NATIONWIDE**

**SIX NEW Christian Legal Aid Programs**

**35,000+**  
low-income  
people served

impacting over  
**87,000**

**129** Law Student  
Campuses Served

**2,500+**  
Student Participants

**SIX** Significant cases  
defending students'  
Religious Liberty  
rights on campus

**50** NATIONAL  
ATTORNEY  
CHAPTERS

**BY THE NUMBERS** 2016

# 2016 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, [ChristianLegalSociety.org](http://ChristianLegalSociety.org).

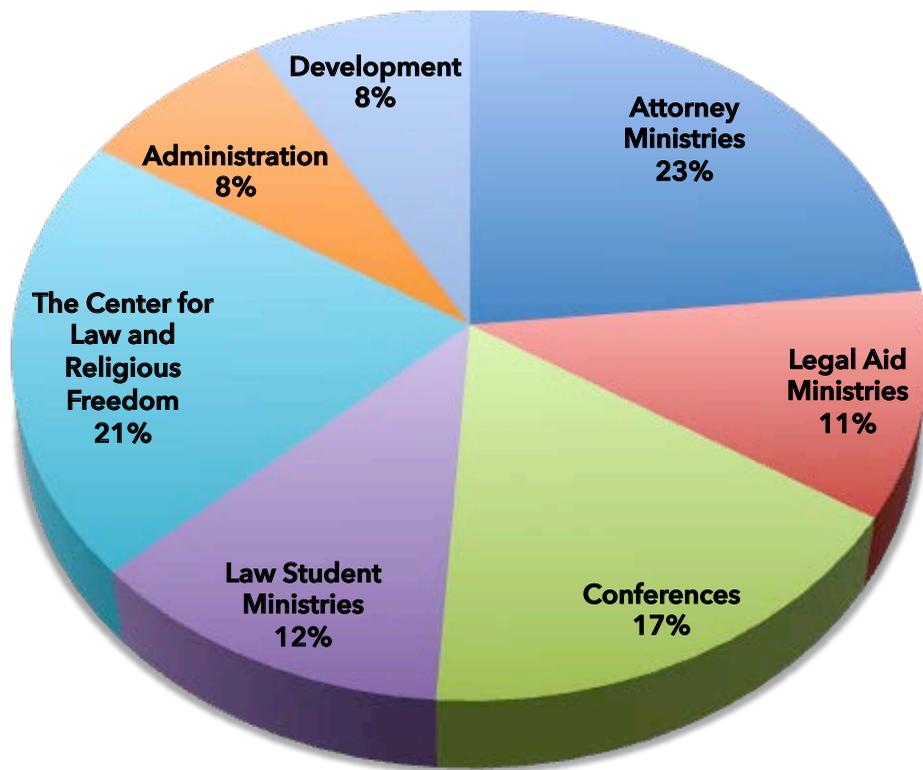
## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

At CLS, we are committed to putting every dollar possible directly toward ministry. In 2016, 84 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.

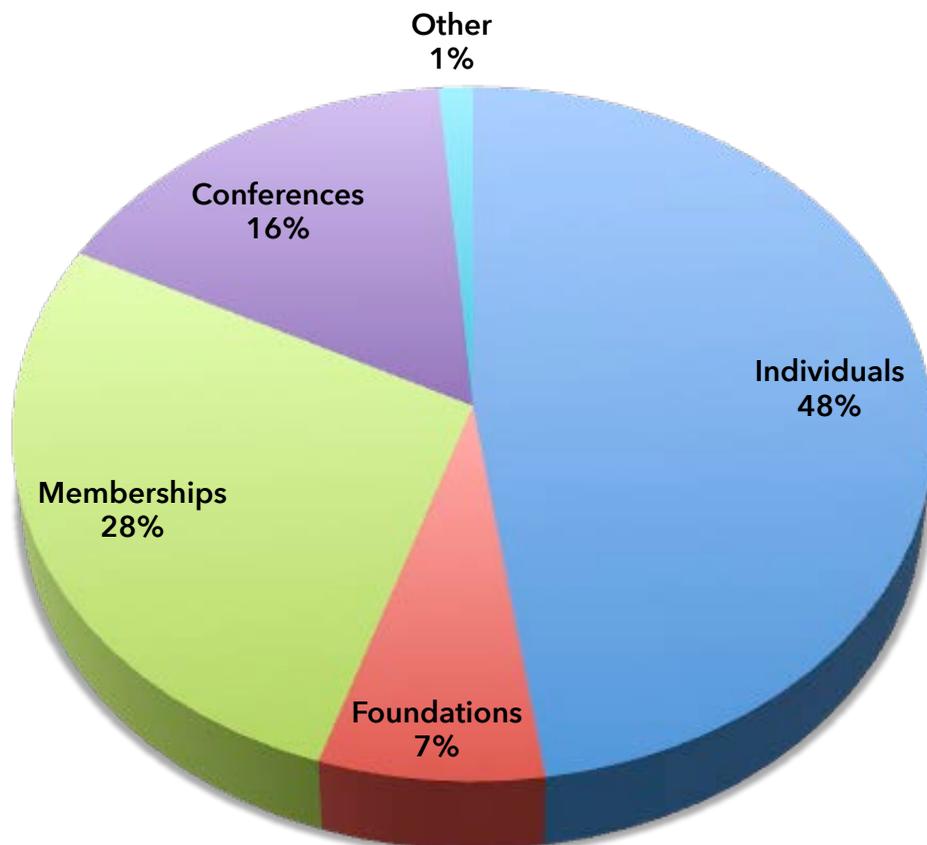
EXPENSE AREA	TOTAL EXPENSES	% OF 2016 EXPENSES
Program Services & Event Costs <i>Expenses incurred fulfilling CLS's vision and mission including Attorney Ministries, Legal Aid Ministries, Law Student Ministries, Center for Law &amp; Religious Freedom, and Conferences.</i>	\$ 1,020,028	84%
General & Administration <i>Expenses related to business management, finance &amp; administration, and human resource management.</i>	\$ 92,973	8%
Fundraising <i>Expenses related to engaging current and potential donors and encouraging contributions of money, securities, materials and other assets, services and time.</i>	\$ 102,331	8%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,215,332</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Note: CLS financial statements are audited by Morrow PC independent certified public accountants. The financial reports for 2016 are pending completion of our annual audit. CLS's Annual Ministry Report, IRS form 990 and audited financial statements are available upon request and can also be accessed at [ChristianLegalSociety.org](http://ChristianLegalSociety.org).*

# 2016 PROGRAM EXPENSES



# 2016 REVENUE SOURCES



# 2016 FINANCIALS

## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY 2015 AND 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2015	2016
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 159,994	\$ 316,397
Accounts & Grants Receivable	12,856	3,580
Pledges Receivable	349,656	172,092
Other Current Assets	18,561	33,633
Property & Equipment, Net	42,607	61,511
Other Assets	7,239	7,239
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$590,913</b>	<b>\$594,452</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$ 75,026	\$ 31,307
Long-Term Liabilities	18,911	30,249
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 93,937</b>	<b>\$ 61,556</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 496,976</b>	<b>\$ 532,896</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 590,913</b>	<b>\$ 594,452</b>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	2015	2016
<b>Support and Revenues</b>		
Contributions & Grants	\$ 724,888	\$ 724,021
Membership Dues	390,088	362,675
Conference Registration	182,946	212,029
Fees Recovery	232,526	0
Sponsorship & Ad Revenue	2,458	2,000
<b>Total Support and Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,532,906</b>	<b>\$1,300,725</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program Services and Event Costs	1,109,576	\$1,020,028
Administration	99,097	92,973
Fundraising	113,688	102,331
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,322,361</b>	<b>\$1,215,332</b>
Other Income / ( Expenses)	\$ 10,387	\$ 14,986
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 220,932</b>	<b>\$ 100,379</b>

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Please continue to pray for all of CLS' critical 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**

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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 donations we receive. While CLS ministries strongly depend on a volunteer structure, we must still raise funds to support the administration and coordination of each CLS ministry. Thank you for your consideration.

## **VOLUNTEER**

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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.

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