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LIFE LEGAL
DEFENSE
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DEAR LOYAL SUPPORTER OF LIFE LEGAL DEFENSE FOUNDATION

This year, we at Life Legal celebrate our 30th anniversary! Hard as it may be to believe, we have been fighting for babies in the womb and for pro-life activists for three decades!

Life Legal grew out of the rescue movement of the late 1980s and originally focused on providing pro bono legal services to pro-lifers facing arrest for non-violent direct action at abortion mills.

Although mass rescues are a rarity nowadays and the rescue movement has changed some of its tactics, we are still sticking up for pro-life activists. We receive calls on First Amendment issues on an almost daily basis.

Moreover, our mission has expanded to include all sorts of legal work in opposition to abortion, infanticide, and “euthanasia,” as its advocates once liked to call that brand of murder.

We now are gearing up for what may be the most decisive year ever as far as pro-life advocacy is concerned.

- We continue to fight for pro-life heroes who exposed Planned Parenthood’s sickening trade in baby body parts.

- We are planning to defend new pro-life laws in numerous states—and to oppose new infanticide laws in others—as the fairy tale foundations of *Roe v. Wade* begin to waver.
- We anticipate an unprecedented wave of violence against pro-life activists—and especially against the 40 Days for Life movement—during the coming year. And we commit ourselves to using all legal means to defeat these pro-abortion attacks.

Facing the promise and danger of the year ahead, we are reminded of how much we rely on the support of pro-lifers like you for all our success. And we pray you will continue to judge us worthy of support as we continue our mission.

Do not be discouraged by the evident rage of the pro-abortion side! Thanks to you, we at Life Legal remain vigilant against any threat.

With your support, we’ve kept at it for 30 years. There’s no chance we will give up now!

Yours for the value of every human life,

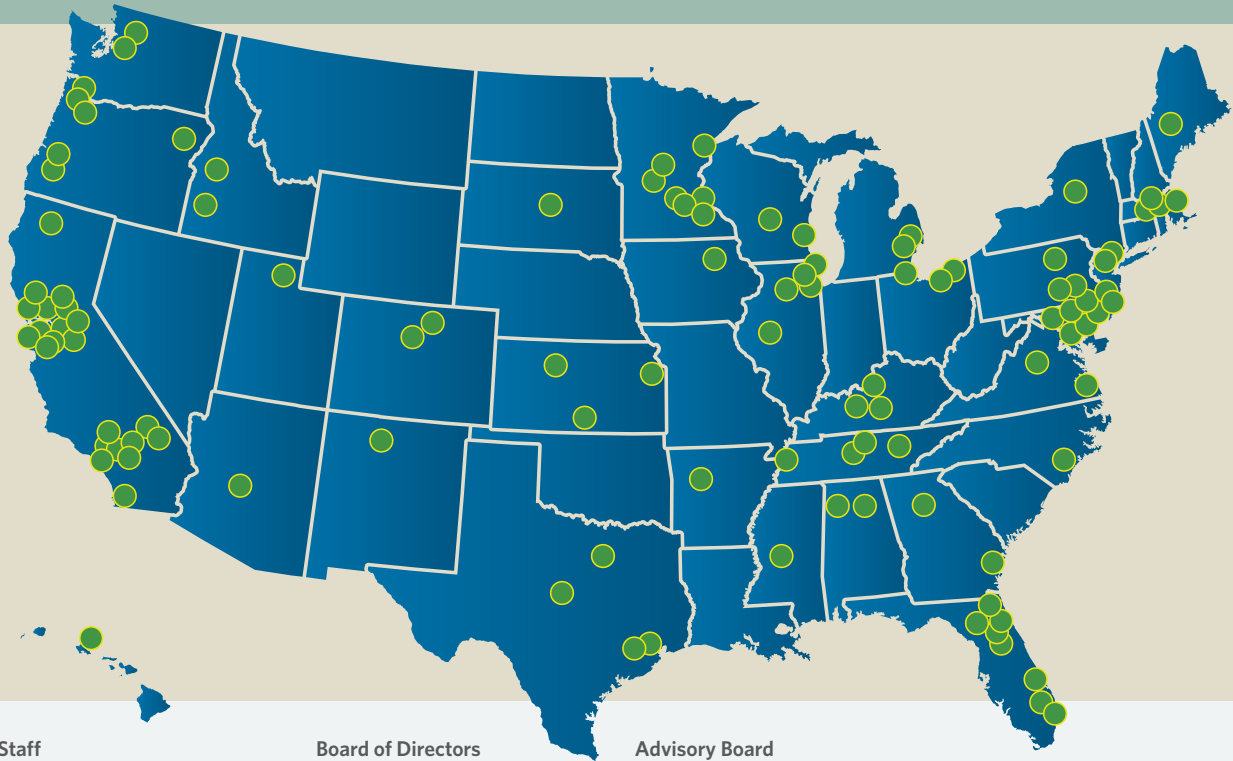


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Executive Director

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30 YEARS OF LIFE LEGAL

2019 MARKS THIRTY YEARS OF PRO-LIFE ADVOCACY IN THE COURTROOM FOR LIFE LEGAL DEFENSE FOUNDATION. IT HAS BEEN A CHALLENGE—BUT AN UNIMAGINABLY REWARDING CHALLENGE.

Life Legal traces its foundation to the rescue movement of the late 1980s in which an incredible number of pro-lifers braved arrest, prosecution, and imprisonment while engaging in non-violent direct action at abortion mills across the nation. The rescue movement, if assessed according to number of arrests, was by far the most massive campaign of civil disobedience in American history. Thousands of ordinary people sat in at abortion mills, presented numerous mothers with pro-life alternatives, and saved countless lives from the abortionist's suction aspirator.

And many paid a terrible price. When the pro-abortion power structure came to understand that rescuers meant business—that they were actually trying to stop abortion and not just offering a symbolic statement—the gloves came off and the penalties increased. Ultimately, a federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) act made

First, Life Legal started to serve as a provider of pro-life legal education—an effort that continues to constitute a large part of our mission today.

Second, Life Legal became the organization of choice for relatives and friends trying to prevent the unethical termination of elderly and infirm patients threatened by the “new” (and anti-Hippocratic) medical ethic. Life Legal fought for Robert Wendland beginning in 1995. Life Legal fought for Terri Schiavo till her death in 2005. And we fight for many other patients who never make the news. Two years ago, we fought for a 39-year-old woman named Melanie. Thanks to Life Legal's intervention, Melanie had her nutrition restored and made a full recovery.

Third, Life Legal contributed to pro-life advocacy in many high-profile cases—including *NOW v. Scheidler*, *Roe v. Planned Parenthood*, *Fairbanks v. PP*, *Hoye v. Oakland*,

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rescuing practically impossible for most participants.

It's no accident that Life Legal started, in 1989, in California. That was where the pro-abortion hammer came down on pro-lifers with the most extreme force. Pro-lifers needed legal representation that understood the urgency of their motivation—and Life Legal supplied just what those activists needed.

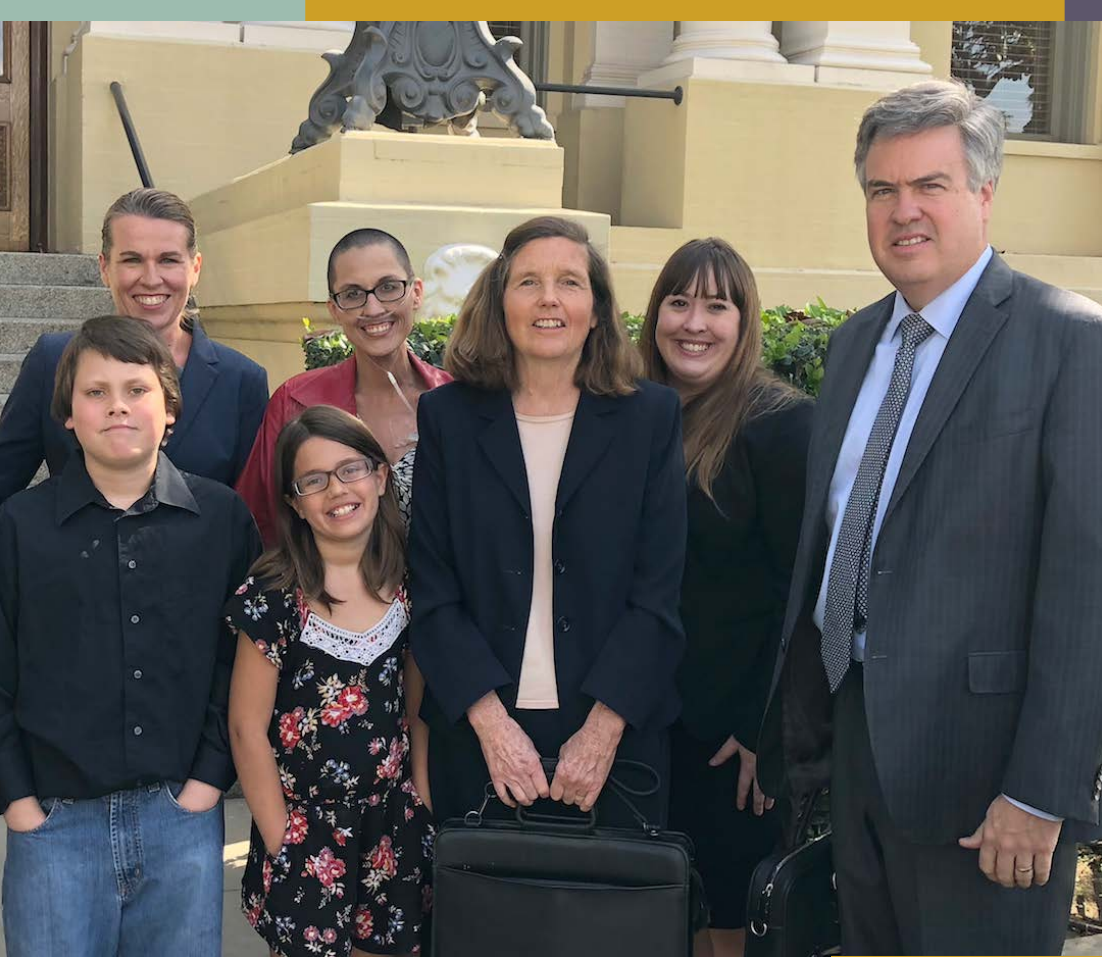
Since then, Life Legal has especially focused on supplying pro bono representation to beleaguered pro-life activists. After the rescue movement was beaten down, we served mostly protesters and sidewalk counselors who used their First Amendment rights to save lives from the abortion cartel. Life Legal took on the role of as “the defenders of the defenders of life.”

But the organization also expanded into areas that were scarcely conceived when it was founded.

Holder v. Hamilton, and *Planned Parenthood v. CMP*. Yes, that's a long list—but still an incomplete one. Many of these seminal cases involved the rights of pro-life activists, in keeping with our original emphasis, but many addressed other issues, such as Planned Parenthood's failure to report child sex abuse and its loathsome marketing strategy for baby body parts.

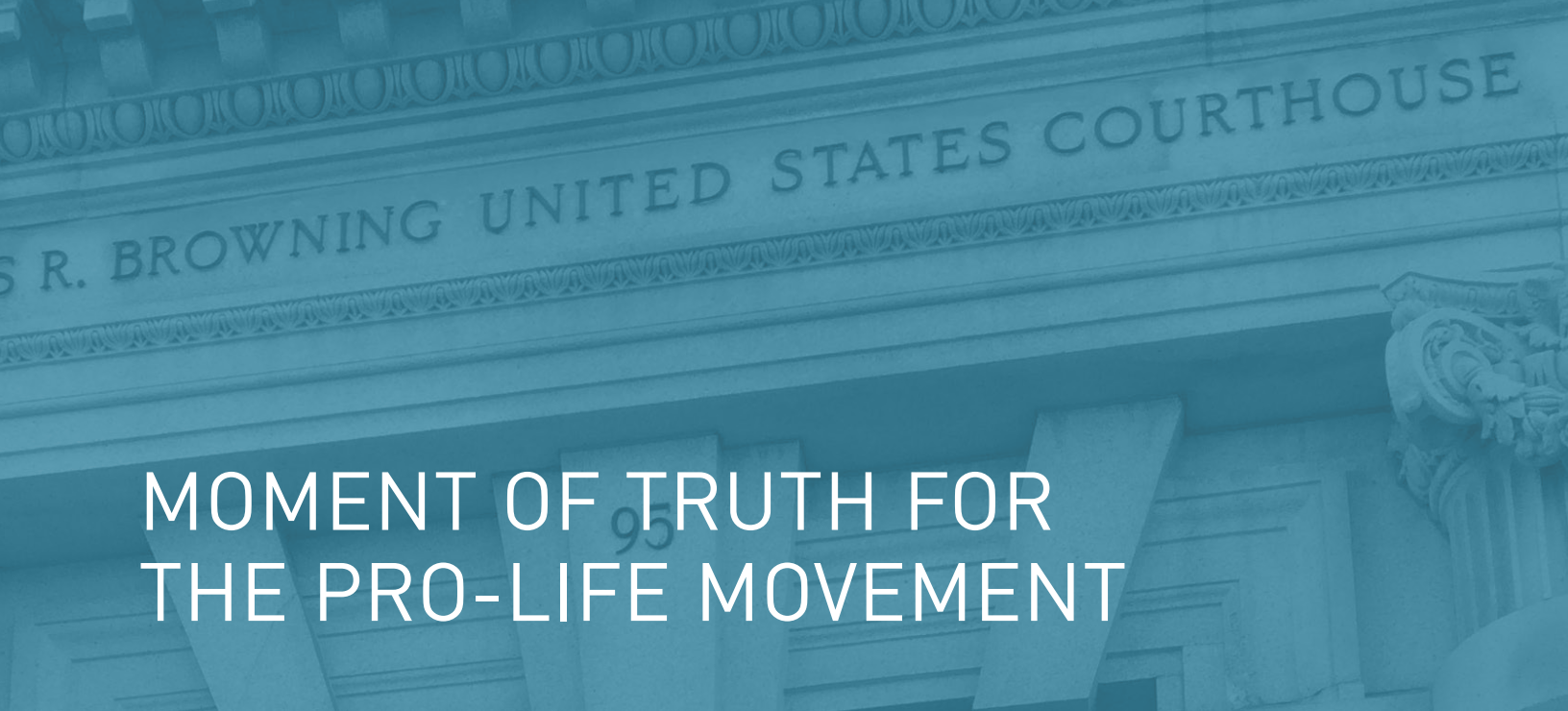
While expanding our mission, however, and while taking on many crucial, newsworthy court cases, we have maintained at a steady rate our defense of street level pro-life activists. Our nationwide attorney network now consists of more than 5,000 affiliates, we are actually accomplishing more of this everyday work than ever before. We are holding fast to our foundational principle: “No case is too small!”

When Life Legal began 30 years ago, no one foresaw that it would achieve so much—and on so many different fronts. Today we can only rededicate ourselves to the coming decades of pro-life legal work according to the same principles that inspired our founding.



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MOMENT OF TRUTH FOR THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

CONVERGENCE OF EVENTS MAKES IMMEDIATE FUTURE A TIME OF GRAVE IMPORTANCE

In May of 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on the case of *Box v. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky*—in favor of the State of Indiana and of Life Legal’s amicus brief in the case. Indiana’s law requiring that the bodies of aborted children be treated with “humane dignity” was upheld. Planned Parenthood and other abortion mill operators would no longer have the “right” to treat these bodies as garbage.

As cases go that are argued before the Supreme Court, this one may not seem like the most important one that Life Legal has ever been involved in. Sure, we are all disgusted by the way that the abortion industry treats the mangled bodies of its primary victims. If the child in the womb were given his proper rights, the treatment of fetal remains might transform ordinary fetal homicide into something like murder with special circumstances. But isn’t it more important to defend the life of the child in the womb in the first place?

Box v. Planned Parenthood was an especially important case because it indicated the commencement of a new phase, full of promise but also of danger, in our fight for the value of human life. A confluence of events and trends

have made this present time and our immediate future a different era in the conflict over this issue. Nobody’s playing by the old rules anymore.

The publication of the first videos from the Center for Medical Progress may have spurred the arrival of this new era. The cover-up in the mainstream media has not relented since then, nor has the persecution of those who revealed Planned Parenthood’s nauseating secrets. Two highly-popular pro-life movies—*Gosnell* and *Unplanned*—focused renewed attention on the issue. Pro-lifers sought political solutions as never before, electing legislators who began to pass serious pro-life laws, one of which we helped to defend in *Box v. PP*. A newly-constituted Supreme Court made it feasible to defend such laws.

Pro-abortion forces reacted by seeking even more extreme measures promoting—not just defending—abortion as an absolute right. Hollywood “notables” threatened the movie industry in Georgia with a boycott after that state’s passage of a very moderate heartbeat law. And states like New York and Illinois actually sought to legalize infanticide as a way of seeing the pro-life side’s bet and raising it beyond belief.



Second-generation pro-abortion Andrew Cuomo even celebrated the enshrinement of baby-killing into N.Y. law—by lighting public buildings pink, the color usually associated with girl babies, here with girls killing their babies.

One major pro-abortion reaction against pro-life success has been a frightening increase in the number of attacks on street-level pro-life activists—public speakers, sign-carrying demonstrators, and baby-saving sidewalk counselors. During the Lenten 40 Days for Life this year, a vicious thug in San Francisco actually beat an elderly pro-lifer with a bicycle.

The opposition between truth and convenient lies has been building at least since 1973—and now it’s boiling over. The abortion issue is the focus of enormous political and cultural strife. And Life Legal has been fighting on every front in the conflict.

- We helped defend Indiana’s pro-life law in *Box v. PP*.
- We defended pro-lifers involved in the publication of CMP’s videos.

- We stood up for Ron K., the pro-lifer violently attacked in San Francisco.

And our involvement in the struggle continues:

- We are gearing up to defend new pro-life laws around the country.
- We are mobilizing to challenge the unconscionable pro-abortion, pro-infanticide laws springing up in hostile territory.
- We are continuing to offer wise counsel and zealous representation to defendants in *Planned Parenthood v. CMP*.
- And, closest to our hearts, we are sticking up for pro-life street-level activists around the country. As the Autumn 40 Days for Life gets underway, we expect the attacks on pro-lifers to skyrocket.

During this new phase, while the battle rages as never before, we need to redouble our efforts. We know that’s what our supporters want of us.



VICTORIES IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

Life Legal Defeats the Abortionists on Many Fronts

Our arguments helped to uphold Indiana’s law regarding the treatment of the remains of babies killed by abortion—in the case of *Box v. Planned Parenthood*. Not only was this victory important in itself: it also focused attention on the dismal realities of the abortion industry, as opposed to its prettified public image, and signaled, perhaps, the beginning of a new trend in Supreme Court rulings on pro-life legislation. We should also note that any law that requires abortionists to do anything inevitably slows down the conveyor belt of death that lies at the cold heart of the abortion mill business plan. That’s why the abortion cartel fights all proposed regulation.

In addition, Life Legal won clear victories in the following cases:

- *Planned Parenthood v. MMB Properties*. Planned Parenthood’s officers think of themselves as lofty beings above the law and not even bound by their own word. In 2014, PP bought property at Oak Commons in Kissimmee, Florida. A cardiology practice at the same site discovered that PP planned to perform abortions—an outpatient surgery—in violation of restrictive covenant it had acknowledged when it bought the property. MMB Properties sued—and Life Legal took up the cardiologist’s case. After years of conflict, on the eve of trial, PP recognized the weakness of its position and agreed to a permanent injunction against abortions at its Oak Commons clinic. Thanks to Life Legal’s efforts, one more slaughterhouse for America’s infants was shut down.
- In two prominent cases, Life Legal successfully maintained the rights of street level pro-life activists. *State of Florida v. McCulfor* involved an irate pro-abortion zealot who destroyed pro-life signs—then accused the owner of the signs of battery. Life Legal provided our usual zealous representation—and, eventually, charges were dismissed.

Utah v. Linton involved an Anglican pastor and sidewalk counselor cited for trespass in an area open to the public outside a Wasatch, Utah abortion mill. Once again, this was the sort of charge intended to defeat the pro-lifer who lacks sufficient representation. Once again, Life Legal was able to get the charges dismissed—and the threatened pro-lifer was able to get on with his life-saving work.

- *Planned Parenthood v. CMP*—PP’s vengeance lawsuit against the undercover pro-life journalists who exposed its sale of baby body parts. The case itself is not resolved—not by a long shot—but Life Legal’s Katie Short scored a startling victory during preliminary hearings before Judge William Orrick, who has in the past manifested a clear attachment to PP’s cause. PP was trying to saddle pro-lifers with damages to pay for increased security costs. In support of this claim, PP alleged a frightening increase in threats against its various child-killing facilities.

Katie not only argued from the legal principle that defendants could not be held responsible for the actions of third parties. She actually proved that the abortion mega-corporation’s allegations were fabrications. Evidence showed that “threats” against PP consisted of such messages as “Jesus Loves You” and “Our Church Is Praying for You.” Planned Parenthood is still pressing its suit—but it is not currently operating from a position of strength.

- And, of course, we consider it a victory to continue with our daily work of standing up for pro-life activists—and for patients threatened with premature termination at end of life. Many of these cases don’t make it to court. Sometimes a mere phone call or letter saves the day. But the people involved are always grateful for Life Legal’s intervention.

CHALLENGES IN THE YEAR TO COME

As the analyses above indicate, 2020 is almost certain to prove a decisive year in the struggle over life issues. We know that, at the very least, we will face the following challenges:

- Our continued defense of pro-life heroes targeted for pro-abortion vengeance in *Planned Parenthood v. Center for Medical Progress*. PP's abortionists are still incensed that undercover pro-lifers dared to expose the abortion industry's illegal market in baby body parts. PP will stop at nothing to crush those responsible.
- Strategic defense of the new wave of pro-life laws passed in several states around the nation—and those that will soon be passed. We started this campaign in *Box v. PP*—before Hollywood took notice. The work will become increasingly more difficult as the Tyrants of Tinseltown pour funds into the coffers of the opposing side.
- Systematic defense of medical personnel pressured to participate in abortion and even infanticide by oppressive laws in states like New York and Illinois. By recognizing baby-killing as a “fundamental right,” these statutes provide the legal basis for persecution of conscientious objectors.
- Direct opposition to the new infanticide laws themselves—which will be inevitable as more and more atrocities are carried out. We have no intention of standing by silently while the Unrestrained States of Abortion promote criminal enterprises even more so than in the past.
- Standing up for pro-life street-level activists targeted for violence and intimidation—not only by individual pro-abortion thugs but by whole mobs. The next three 40 Days for Life campaigns are sure to receive waves of wrath from organized abortion advocates—and we mean to make sure that our pro-life heroes are not abandoned by municipalities that are duty-bound to protect them.

Beyond the peculiar threats of the coming year, we must continue to perform our ordinary, everyday duties: defending pro-lifers against official overreach and police harassment, saving the elderly and infirm threatened with termination, sticking up for pro-lifers in the workplace, and providing some of the best pro-life legal education available.



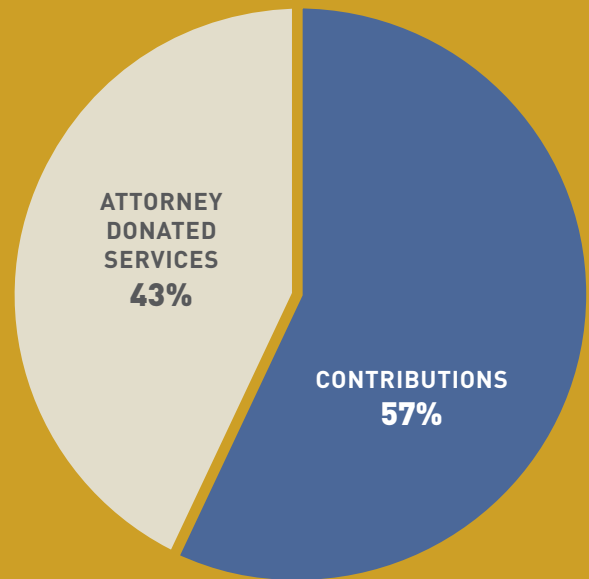
OUR STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR GIFTS

As you give, please be assured that Life Legal will be a wise steward of any gift you send. The graph below reflects Life Legal's 2018 independent audit by RINA Accountancy Corporation.

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

(Fiscal Year: 2018)

Contributions	
Donations	1,829,818
(Pro bono) Attorney services	1,374,264
Other income	73,468
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,277,550
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$1,508,917

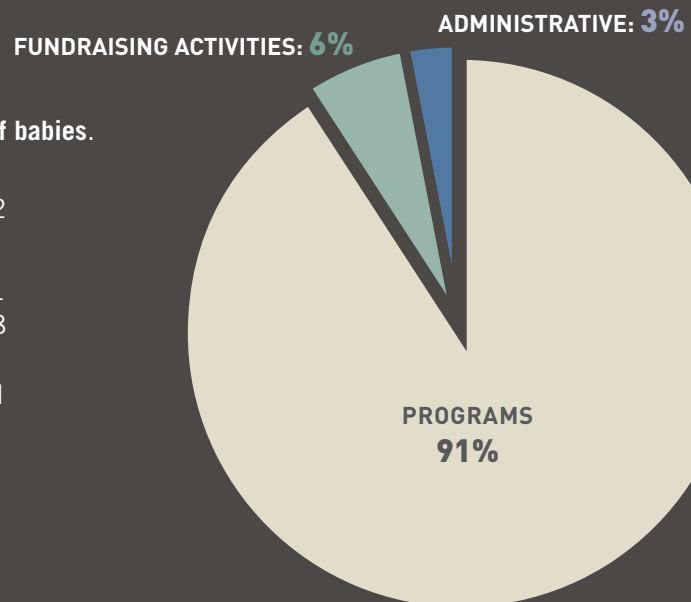


EXPENSES

(Fiscal Year: 2018)

See how your gifts go straight to saving the lives of babies.

Program services	2,949,042
Supporting services:	
Fundraising	199,121
Administrative	86,208
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,234,371



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As always, we at Life Legal are tremendously grateful for your contributions to our efforts—and we know we need your continuing support as we face the unparalleled challenges of 2020.

- Without your help, we could never have forced Planned Parenthood to stop doing abortions at its Oak Commons clinic in Kissimmee, Florida!
- Without your help, we could never have beaten bogus charges against pro-life activists in *Florida v. McCulfor* and *Utah v. Linton*—and thus enabled these workers in the battlefield to save even more lives from the scourge of “legalized” abortion!
- Without your help, we could never have taken on the abortionists in *Planned Parenthood v. CMP*—and proved to the Court that PP was just plain lying about the perils presented by CMP’s videos and by the exposure of illegal markets in baby body parts!
- And, without your help, we won’t have a chance of holding the line against the pro-abortion onslaught that is bearing down on pro-lifers and children in the womb, as never before, in 2020!

There are a couple great lines from an apocalyptic poem by W. B. Yeats. The poem is entitled “The Second Coming” —and you may recognize the lines:

“The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.”

About our time, however, the poet is only half right. The worst are indeed “full of passionate intensity...”

But we pro-lifers do not “lack all conviction”! On the contrary, the intensity of the pro-abortion forces is a guilty, writhing, parasitic thing. It lives off a desperate dread of truth.

The pro-abortion side has been sure it had this war won ever since 1973. After *Roe v. Wade*, the abortionists were certain all that remained was a few lazy mopping-up operations. And their side did inflict enormous casualties on the children of America.

But pro-lifers endured, and continued to fight, and developed ministries that the abortion enthusiasts never dreamt of.

Now abortion advocates are furious. How could this have happened? The tide is turning against them!

And, in response, their fear and hatred know no bounds.

Please ... as a committed pro-lifer ... could you contribute \$50, \$150, \$500, or even \$1,000 toward Life Legal’s work in 2020?

Can you help us prove that, despite financial backing from the cesspool of Hollywood and oceans of blood money from the abortionists themselves, the fear and hatred from the other side will not win out?

From those who can afford to consider such sacrificial generosity, we are especially seeking gifts of up to \$5,000 or even \$10,000.

Of course, we would be grateful for any amount you might be able to afford. We know that even small gifts accomplish great things—if given with great love.

At Life Legal, we pray for our benefactors every day. And we beg you to do the same for us!

May the Lord bless you abundantly in the coming year—and reward you for all you’ve done to defend innocent life!



OUR MISSION

To give innocent and helpless human beings of any age, particularly unborn children, a trained and committed defense against the threat of death, and to support their advocates in the nation's courtrooms.



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