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IMPACT REPORT

2025

MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT & CEO
DAVID NAMMO

Last year was pivotal for Christian Legal Society®. It included new leadership in some parts and growth in all ministries.

It was a joy to see and witness consistent staples of academic debate and thriving student programs, incredible support for our Christian Legal Aid clinic program, and superior representation from our Center for Law & Religious Freedom.

I think the combination of all these aspects is what made 2025 a great year in the life of Christian Legal Society (CLS).

The growth was not just numeric growth in ministry, which is laudable, but also individual growth and corporate growth. The growth that looks to the heart and encourages a person's commitment to Christ and community.

So I present to you this 2025 Impact Report. The Lord made evident His mighty and faithful hand in this ministry-your ministry-this year, and for that I am immensely grateful.



over
8,000

Christian
legal professionals
engaged

over
2,500
students engaged

serving over
32,000

individuals impacted by
the work of Christian
Legal Aid clinics

serving
over
130+
campuses



over
1,000
engaged at CLS
events this year

1 NATIONAL CONFERENCE **5** REGIONAL RETREATS **2** INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN LEGAL STUDIES EDUCATION SEMINARS



310
CLS LAW SCHOOL
FELLOWS TRAINED
TO DATE



since

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Attorney Ministries

For more than 60 years, CLS' Attorney Ministries has been dedicated to inspiring and equipping Christian legal professionals. And now, Attorney Ministries is breathing new life into the next generation of Christian attorneys! Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, we've established a scholarship fund designed to provide sustaining support and remove financial barriers to young attorneys in attending local, regional, and national CLS events.

In 2025, CLS held its annual national conference and five regional retreats hosting over 1,000 attorneys nationwide. This is in addition to CLS' 50 attorney chapters that gather regularly for fellowship and community investment across the country.

MELISSA'S STORY

Finding a renewed purpose through the CLS National Conference



MELISSA CANAAN

sible for me to attend at a pivotal time, just after graduating law school and while carrying significant financial obligations related to tuition and bar preparation.

Without that support, I would not have been able to attend. Through the workshop dialogue and meaningful conversations, I found renewed purpose in viewing the law as a calling with eternal significance, not merely a profession focused on monetary or temporal gain. The conference also connected me with Christian Legal Society chapter leaders nationwide, which equipped me with practical insight and encouragement as I begin the process of launching a CLS chapter in my own city. I formed lasting relationships with incredibly bright, faithful attorneys, and if I had to describe the conference in one word, it would be 'uplifting.' I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 4:9—"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."

The CLS 2025 National Conference "left a profound impact on me, both personally and professionally. I never imagined during law school that I would one day be standing shoulder to shoulder with attorneys and law students, worshiping and praising the name of Jesus together. Being surrounded by seasoned Christian attorneys and hearing how they are using their legal careers across the country to further God's Kingdom was deeply encouraging. The scholarship made it pos-





Attorney Chapters

ALABAMA

Birmingham

ARIZONA

Phoenix

Tucson

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire

Orange County

Sacramento

San Diego

San Francisco

COLORADO

Colorado Springs

Denver

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FLORIDA

Central (Orlando)

Jacksonville

Miami

Palm Beach (West)

Tampa Bay

Winter Garden

GEORGIA

Atlanta

HAWAII

Honolulu

ILLINOIS

Chicago

INDIANA

Indianapolis

KANSAS

Topeka

Wichita

MARYLAND

Baltimore

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis

MISSISSIPPI

Central (Jackson)

MISSOURI

Kansas City

St. Louis

Springfield

NEBRASKA

Lincoln

NEW YORK

New York City

Upstate (Albany)

NORTH CAROLINA

Wake County

OHIO

Central Ohio (Columbus)

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City

OREGON

Salem

PENNSYLVANIA

Western PA (Pittsburgh)

PUERTO RICO

SOUTH CAROLINA

Greenville

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga

Memphis

Nashville

TEXAS

Austin

Dallas

Houston

San Antonio

Williamson County

VIRGINIA

Northern VA

WASHINGTON

Seattle

WISCONSIN

Madison



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Law Student Ministries

CLS' Law Student Ministries had its most productive year since re-engaging students after the pandemic took many off campuses. Aside from the countless campus events thrown by our 130+ student chapters, LSM traveled throughout the year, reaching over 40 campuses and meeting hundreds of student leaders to encourage, inspire, and equip them for the work of ministry. On top of that, LSM was proud to help facilitate some special events that carried out the importance of shaping the future through student ministry on campus.

In addition to our campus work, LSM hosted its largest in-person class of the CLS Law School Fellows program to date. A total of 41 students from across the nation took part in our week-long training on the integration of faith and law. During the 2025 CLS Law School Fellows program, in addition to the foundational curriculum, we incorporated a new session on the imminent role of Artificial Intelligence and a special session on the importance of conflict resolution in the law. Of course, participants also enjoyed community building time with a nighttime tour of Washington, D.C., and a tour of the Supreme Court of the United States, and many also choose to attend a Washington Nationals baseball game.

KAREN'S STORY

CLS Law School Fellow leads in NY



Photo: Karen speaking at a New York City CLS gathering at The Harvard Club in 2025.

KAREN MUNIR

“Last summer, I had the opportunity to attend the CLS Law School Fellows program. This week-long experience brought together law students from diverse backgrounds for discussions, Bible study, shared meals, and intentional community. It was the summer before I stepped into my role as the president of the Christian Legal Society chapter at New York Law School.

At the time, I felt unprepared for the responsibility of leading such an impactful organization and serving as a model. There is a deep hunger for faith among the

NYLS student body, but also significant division shaped by the current political and social climate. Navigating this tension felt overwhelming. The Fellows program prepared me to lead with grace and open dialogue. I learned how to make our chapter's presence welcoming, open meaningful conversations, and find common ground rooted in Christ.

I was able to connect with Christian attorneys whose careers, life stories, and perspectives both affirmed and challenged my own. I also built strong relationships with other law students who, like me, were navigating faith alongside the pressures of legal education. These conversations pushed me to think more deeply, stand more confidently in my values, and approach leadership with humility and conviction.

Most importantly, the experience strengthened my faith and gave me a renewed understanding of how to live out love in Christ while being a law student, a woman, an immigrant, and a leader. This experience is the reason I can flourish in the work I do now for Christian students at NYLS, and it continues to shape how I lead, serve, and love within my campus community.”



Attorney & Law Student Ministries

LEADING THE DISCUSSION

on Christianity and the law in America

CLS' Institute for Christian Legal Studies™ (ICLS) is advancing the scholarly discussion of faith and law in American society. ICLS' goal is to build and foster a body of scholarship and community to help Christian legal professionals discover, focus, and wholly embrace their professional and spiritual identity, ultimately creating a movement of informed, capable citizens focused on understanding the source of

the law and thereby upholding the rule of law. With this in place, attorneys will be empowered by their professional acumen and motivated by the great and selfless love of Christ.

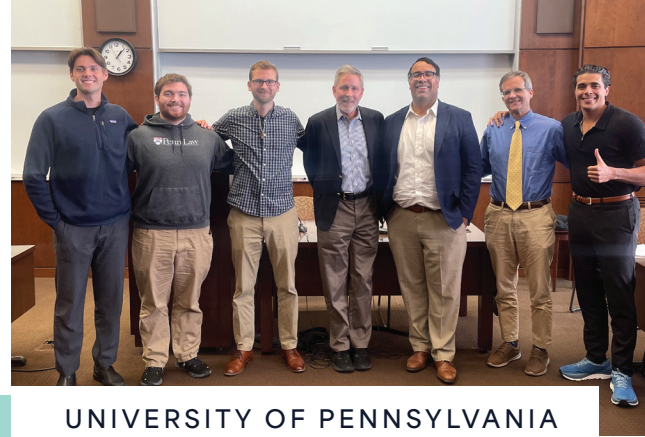
In addition to these educational events, those interested can also engage virtually through the *Cross & Gavel*® Substack and *Cross & Gavel*® podcast.

WIDENER UNIVERSITY COMMONWEALTH LAW SCHOOL



At Widener University Commonwealth Law School, a panel of distinguished guests took part in a broad conversation about the role of Christianity in legal practice. Panelists included Judge Kevin Brobson (Supreme Court of Pennsylvania), Judge Eric Bruggink (Court of Fed-

eral Claims), Professor Michael Moreland (Villanova Law School), and Hannah M. Schroer (Barley Snyder). According to the school, it was one of the largest student-run events they've ever had!



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The student chapter at the University of Pennsylvania hosted a live debate between Mark David Hall and Alvin Velazques. The moderator was the great Christian bankruptcy professor David Skeel, who engaged the speakers with an array of fascinating and diverse topics.

CLS launched the Witte Workshops, a weekend training program for new attorneys as an extension of the John Witte, Jr. Lecture Series. The opening banquet included lectures from John Witte, Jr. and Robert F. Cochran, Jr. The project seeks to gather 16 new attorneys for 2 days of workshops on the simple topic of what good stewardship looks like in the legal profession. The program director for the Witte Workshops is accomplished law student educator and mentor, Jeffrey Ventrella.

WITTE WORKSHOPS



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

At the University of Oklahoma, Mike Conklin discussed a paper he wrote for our fall *Journal of Christian Legal Thought* that argues for the existence of God using trial techniques. It was a full-house, and now Mike is traveling to other campuses with his apologetics.

Law School Campuses Served

The University of Alabama	Cincinnati, University of	Gonzaga School of Law	Mitchell Hamline School of Law	Penn State Dickinson (Law)	University of Tennessee
American University	Cleveland State University	Harvard University	University of Michigan	Pennsylvania, University of (Law)	Texas A&M University
Appalachian School of Law	University of Colorado	University of Hawaii Law	University of Minnesota	Pepperdine University	The University of Texas
Arizona State University	Columbia University	High Point University Law	Mississippi College	University of Pittsburgh	Texas Southern (Law)
University of Arizona	Concord University	Hofstra University	The University of Mississippi	Regent University	Texas Tech University
University of Arkansas-Fayetteville	(Purdue University Global)	University of Houston	University of Missouri-Columbia	University of Richmond	University of Toledo
University of Arkansas-Little Rock	University of Connecticut	Howard University	University of Missouri-Kansas City	Roger Williams University	Trinity Law School
Ave Maria Law School	Cornell University	University of Idaho	University of Montana	Rutgers Law School	Tulane University
University of Baltimore	Creighton University	University of Illinois (UIC-Chicago)	Nashville School of Law	Saint Mary's University	Tulsa, University of (Law)
Barry-University of Orlando	University of Dayton	Illinois-Urbana, University of	University of Nebraska	University of St. Thomas (MN)	Vanderbilt University
Baylor Law School	DePaul University	Indiana University-Bloomington	University of New Hampshire	University of San Diego	Vermont Law School
Belmont University	University of Detroit Mercy	Indiana University-Indianapolis	University of New Mexico	San Joaquin College of Law	Villanova University
Boston College	University of District of Columbia	University of Iowa	New York Law School	Samford University (Law)	University of Virginia
University of Boston	Drake University	John Marshall Law School (GA)	New York University	Santa Clara University	Wake Forest School of Law
Brooklyn Law School	Drexel University	University of Kansas	North Carolina Central University	Seton Hall	Washburn University
CA-Berkley School of Law	Duke University	University of Kentucky	University of North Carolina	University of Southern California	University of Washington
University of California-Davis	Lincoln Memorial University (Law)	Liberty University	University of North Texas-Dallas	University of South Carolina	Washington and Lee University
University of California-Irvine	Duquesne University	Lincoln Memorial University (Law)	Northeastern University	University of South Dakota	Wayne State University
CA-Hastings, University of	Elon University School of Law	Louisiana State University	Northern Illinois University	South Texas College of Law	Western Michigan Uni. (Lansing)
California Western	Emory University	Louisville, University of (Law)	Northern Kentucky University (Chase)	Southern Illinois University	Western Michigan Uni. (Tampa)
CA-Los Angeles, Univ. of (UCLA)	Faulkner University Jones (Law)	Loyola University Chicago	Northwestern University	Southern Methodist University	West Virginia, University (Law)
Campbell University	University of Florida	Loyola University New Orleans	Notre Dame	Southern University Law Center	Widener University
Capital University	Florida A&M University	Lewis and Clark Law School	Nova Southeastern University Law	Southwestern University	College of William and Mary
Case Western Reserve University	Florida State University	Marquette University	The Ohio State University	St. John's University	Willamette University (Law)
Catholic University Columbus (Law)	Fordham University	Mass-Dartmouth, University of	Oklahoma City University	St. Thomas University (Miami)	University of Wisconsin
Chapman University	George Mason University (Law)	University of Maryland	University of Oklahoma	Seattle University	Univeristy of Wyoming
Charleston (SC) School of Law	The George Washington Uni.	University of the Pacific (Law)	University of Oregon	Stanford University	Yale University
City University of New York	Georgetown University	University of Memphis	Pace University	Stetson University	
University Chicago Law	University of Georgia	Mercer University		Suffolk University School of Law	
Chicago-Kent College of Law	Georgia State University	University of Miami		Temple University	
		Michigan State University			



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Center for Law & Religious Freedom

In 2025, CLS' Center for Law & Religious Freedom (the Center) advanced protections for religious organizations to fulfill their calling and accomplish their mission with freedom and clarity. Notably, the Center successfully represented Gateway Pregnancy Center in its effort to receive official recognition from New Jersey government officials as a religious organization exempt from burdensome registration and information demands made by the state attorney general. The Center also co-represented Bethany Christian Services in its ongoing battle where Michigan state officials attempted to exclude the organization from grant opportunities because of its commitment to hire only Christian staff. The Center filed amicus briefs in support of several organizations fighting against unconstitutional government action that targets them and hinders their mission. Some of the briefs resulted in significant wins, particularly for the doctrine of church autonomy in the Ninth Circuit, though the doctrine continues to face ongoing battles. The Center has also led the coalition of campus ministries pushing Congress to enact the currently pending Equal Campus Access Act, which would help religious student groups on campus receive equal funding and protect their standards for leadership. Additionally, the Center sought to preserve the right of religious freedom for individuals in critical cases across the nation, including:

- submitting an amicus brief with a federal court that led to upholding the right of a job applicant to take a state job without violating her conviction not to make oaths.
- filing amicus briefs supporting a prisoner's access to federal statutory relief for a warden's violation of his religious conviction.
- persuading the Florida USA Gymnastic State Committee to allow the scores to count for observant Jews who desired to compete on a day other than on Passover.



Finally, the Center continues to lead the advocacy against state bars adopting ABA Model Rule 8.4(g), an ethics rule that would put Christian attorneys at risk of professional "misconduct" for living out their faith.

NESSA'S STORY

Defending a young athlete's
right to compete



Photo: Dan and Nessa thanking CLS for helping resolve their religious freedom issue.

DAN AND NESSA HOFFMAN

CLS was able to secure an important victory in the state of Florida for young student-athletes through its defense this year of gymnast Nessa Hoffman. A Jewish athlete, Nessa was told accommodations would not be made to allow her to participate in state competitions that conflicted with her families' observation of Passover. With CLS' involvement, Nessa was able to both compete in the championships and observe her Passover. In fact, USA Gymnastics accommodated all Jewish gymnasts in competitions nationwide over Passover. And Nessa successfully made it all the way to Regionals!

Nessa and her father, Dan, shared this about their experience:

"We are immensely grateful for everything you've done. At the State competition, several Jewish parents, some we had never even met, came up to us to say thank you. They had heard what you both did, not just for Nessa, but for their children too. They asked us to pass along their appreciation, and it's clear your advocacy had a powerful and far-reaching impact."



DEFENDING STUDENTS ON CAMPUS by protecting campus access

Public universities and colleges are well served when they have religious student organizations that enable students from all backgrounds to experience deep connection and belonging over shared identity, beliefs, and values. Allowing for authentic religious community leads to student flourishing and positive outcomes. Religious student organizations are best able to form that deep community around shared faith when they are allowed to re-

quire that their leaders agree with their religious mission and messages. We believe these principles are grounded in longstanding American values like free speech, freedom of association, and religious freedom. That is why we support the Equal Campus Access Act of 2025, which will provide critical protection for religious student organizations of all religious traditions.

DEFENDING PREGNANCY MINISTRIES in New Jersey from political targeting

In 2025, multiple pregnancy center ministries in New Jersey found themselves in the crosshairs with the state over what CLS believes is political targeting.

CLS has been working with these ministries and, for now, believes the issues may be resolved for one client, though the state is reserving the right to take that client back into court pending the outcome in another case.

The state has not offered the same resolution for our second client. Please continue to pray for these ministries and the many others like them that are finding themselves in challenging situations with their state administrators.

Political targeting is very active in some areas of our nation, and small ministries like this require the help of CLS and other religious freedom advocates who come to their aid free of charge.



CLS CONTINUES TO FIGHT for Bethany Christian Services from political targeting in Michigan

After a hard-fought battle with the state of Michigan, CLS' client, Bethany Christian Services, seemed to secure a huge victory on October 30, when the state of Michigan agreed to settle the case. Unfortunately, since then, the state Attorney General has backtracked, claiming the decision to settle was not approved even though it was presented in open court. CLS is seeking immediate assurance from the judge as to the status of this case.

If resolved favorably, Bethany can immediately return to retaining faith-adhering staff in Michigan to facilitate their critical international refugee work. This remains a significant case that threatens a Christian organization's ability to require employees to adhere to the organization's statement of faith without being disqualified from critical federal and state grants.

DEFENDING CHRISTIAN ATTORNEYS from the ABA's "speech code for lawyers"

CLS continues to vigorously lead the nationwide battle against ABA Model Rule 8.4(g), also known as the "speech code for lawyers." In 2025, CLS actively fought these efforts in the Washington, D.C., area, as well as in Michigan where a Center attorney testified in opposition to the rule at an administrative hearing held by the Michigan Supreme Court. To date, only two states have adopted ABA Model Rule

8.4(g) in full. Seven states have adopted a modified version of the model rule but only after declining to adopt the model rule itself. Two states went a different route and adopted a new rule specifically prohibiting sexual harassment or bias rather than adopting the model rule. Over a dozen states have chosen not to adopt the model rule or a version thereof.



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Christian Legal Aid

In 2025, the newly hired CLA director initiated monthly meetings with the CLA Advisory Council, establishing a consistent forum for shaping and advancing CLA's strategic direction. One of the year's most significant achievements was the launch of the Capacity Strengthening Grant Program, an initiative created to enhance the long-term effectiveness and sustainability of CLA clinics across the CLA network. The program drew \$200,000 in funding requests and awarded \$100,000 to 20 CLA clinics, with individual grants ranging from \$500 to \$10,000. These investments supported a wide array of organizational needs including accessibility upgrades, volunteer program expansion, staff development, malpractice insurance, technology improvements, legal advocacy initiatives, and fundraising support.

CLA also partnered with the Houston Legal Aid Center to fund a fellowship for Brandon Prince, who received training in family law, immigration law, and nonprofit management. CLS contributed \$50,000 toward his salary, and his strong experience was featured in a testimonial video at the 2025 CLS National Conference.

In addition, CLA began onboarding with LegalServer, the nation's leading case management software for nonprofit organizations. Providing CLA clinics access to this platform will significantly strengthen the operational capacity of existing CLA clinics, while also supporting the development of new clinics across the network.

BRANDON'S STORY

A leader in the making:
CLS Law School Fellow tackles a
Christian Legal Aid fellowship



BRANDON PRINCE

Brandon Prince, a CLS Law School Fellow, served as a fellow at the Houston Legal Aid Center as part of Christian Legal Aid's Capacity Strengthening Grant program in 2025 and 2026. Through this program, CLA is helping networked clinics host a one-year fellow with the long-term goal of creating greater interest in establishing new Christian Legal Aid clinics across the nation.

Brandon shared some of his experience through his work as the Houston Legal Aid fellow here:

"This experience has also been spiritually enriching. Many of the individuals I assist are navigating uncertainty and hardship, which has made them more open to hearing about the Lord's sovereignty and provision. I have had the privilege of ministering to and praying for dozens of clients, reminding them that even in the face of struggle, God remains faithful.

This work has also deepened my understanding of how diverse and beautiful the global body of Christ is—worship and communion take countless forms across cultures, yet all reflect the same eternal truth.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this meaningful work."



Christian Legal Aid Clinics

ALABAMA

Montgomery Faulkner University Law School Legal Clinics

ARIZONA

Phoenix Metro CLA of Arizona

Tucson CLS of Tucson CLA Program

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Pepperdine U Legal Aid Clinic

Los Angeles Metro CLA of Los Angeles

Oakland Pope Francis Legal Clinic

Orange County CLA Office Orange County

Sacramento Love and Wisdom (LAW) Clinic

San Diego Metro San Diego CLA

Santa Ana Trinity Mobile Legal Clinic, CLA of Orange County

Tustin Trinity Law Clinic, Orange Cty Rescue Mission

COLORADO

Denver Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center

Denver Metro CLA of Metro Denver Triage Legal Clinics

Fort Collins Serve 6.8 Legal Clinic

Loveland House of Neighborly Service Legal Clinic

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CLA of the District of Columbia

FLORIDA

Jacksonville CLS Pro Bono Project

Miami City on a Hill Legal Ministry

INDIANA

Indianapolis Metro Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic

KANSAS

Wichita Wichita CLA

KENTUCKY

Louisville Access Justice

MARYLAND

DMV Good Samaritan Advocates

MICHIGAN

Detroit CLA of Southeast Michigan, The Joseph Project

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis Park Avenue Legal Clinic

MISSISSIPPI

Jackson Mission First Legal Aid Office

MISSOURI

St. Louis Metro New Covenant Legal Services

NEW JERSEY

Newark Metro Immigrant Hope

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque New Mexico CLA

Las Cruces Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico

NEW YORK

New York City Open Hands Legal Services

NORTH CAROLINA

Durham Justice Matters

Greensboro Wilberforce Center for Justice and Human Rights

OHIO

Cleveland Scranton Road Legal Clinic

Columbus

Vineyard Immigration Counseling Service

Delaware

Dream Center Delaward CLA Clinic

Richland County

Richland County Legal Clinic

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City Metro Trinity Legal

OREGON

Salem CLA of Marion & Polk Counties to Oregon

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Christian Legal Clinics of Philadelphia

Pittsburgh CLA of Pittsburgh

TEXAS

Houston Community CLA, Restoring Justice, Houston Legal Aid Center

VIRGINIA

Arlington Restoration Immigration Legal Aid

Northern Virginia

Good Samaritan Advocates

WASHINGTON

Seattle Open Door Legal Services

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee JC Legal Resources Center Inc.

INTERNATIONAL—CANADA

Toronto CCM Toronto Legal Clinic

Leaving a Legacy

Since CLS' establishment in 1961, many have invested significantly in CLS throughout their lives, and for that we are forever grateful.

In 2025, CLS joyously established the Brent & Sherrie Amato Scholarship for Students to honor Brent and Sherrie's legacy of investing in law students and young attorneys. Brent and Sherrie shared a beautiful story of mutual dedication to investing in the next generation of attorneys. Their story serves as an inspiration for others to invest in the next generation while also encouraging others to support students and young attorneys—through scholarships to CLS events—to engage in an organization, a movement, a culture, a leadership model that has changed so many lives for Christ's glory in and through the law.

CLS is blessed to have two endowments specifically set up to bless the ministries of CLS. We invite you to establish your legacy at CLS by partnering financially with CLS through one of the following vehicles:

Founder's Endowment: Join one of CLS' founders in ensuring CLS' longevity and specifically the work of Law Student Ministries and Christian Legal Aid by supporting CLS through the Founders' Endowment, established prior to his death by CLS founder, George Newitt.

Starr Family Endowment for Religious Freedom: Join the Starr family in supporting the Center for Law & Religious Freedom through the Starr Family Endowment, established by the Hon. Kenneth Starr, a former CLS board member, prior to his death.

Act Love Walk Legacy Society: Join CLS' Act Love Walk Legacy Society by including CLS in your will or as a beneficiary in your retirement accounts.

CLS is eager to engage with all of CLS' partners on their philanthropic journey. If you are interested in creating a legacy at CLS, our team would be happy to assist you with your journey. Please reach out to us at legacy@clsnet.org.

BRENT AND SHERRIE'S STORY

A legacy of serving and mentoring



BRENT AND SHERRIE AMATO

Although Sherrie was called home unexpectedly and is no longer able to stand with Brent as his partner, Brent continues to carry out the mission to equip law students during the formative years of their careers. He knows, wholeheartedly, the direct and transformative impact of this investment in the lives of the students, as well as the exponential effect that these students have throughout their careers as they impact thousands of lives through their unique and influential calling and vocation.

Brent and Sherrie Amato, who met through connections with CLS, dedicated their lives over 48 years of marriage to embracing law students in the Chicago-land area instilling in them the foundational elements required to form their life and vocation on a firm spiritual foundation.

Through the Law Student Ministries programs like direct mentorship and in-person events, students (1) develop a greater understanding of the need for Christ in the law, (2) benefit from seasoned Christian mentors they would not likely find anywhere else, and (3) are equipped to act as the salt and light of Jesus in their legal community.

Law students receiving scholarships are able to attend in-person CLS events, allowing them to take a deeper step into their calling and connect with the Christian community in the law. Empowering students through these events creates a mission-minded class of young attorneys with both the purpose and knowledge of the practical application of their knowledge to intentionally engage the society around them and act through their unique skills and calling to help others with the selfless love of Christ.



In 2025, CLS proudly announced the formation of the

BRENT & SHERRIE AMATO SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

in honor of Brent and Sherrie and their legacy serving students.



How you can help

PRAY

Please pray for CLS' ministries as CLS continues to impact our nation for Christ. CLS' work is possible because of God's provision and your faithful support. CLS firmly believes in the importance of bringing the needs of CLS' ministries to the Lord in prayer.

GIVE

CLS' work is supported entirely by faithful partners who believe in CLS' mission. Please consider supporting CLS financially in the coming year. You can designate your gift to your favorite CLS ministry if you would like. Please also consider incorporating CLS into your will today. CLS' ability to reach more people for Christ is heavily dependent on the financial support CLS receives.

SHARE

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

VOLUNTEER

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

- leadership and coordination of CLS attorney and law student chapters
- attorneys and administrative staff working at Christian Legal Aid clinics
- coordination with state lawmakers to protect religious freedom in states nationwide
- planning and on-site assistance at the CLS Regional Retreats
- mentoring law students
- mentoring attorneys (of all ages)

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 other CLS communications.



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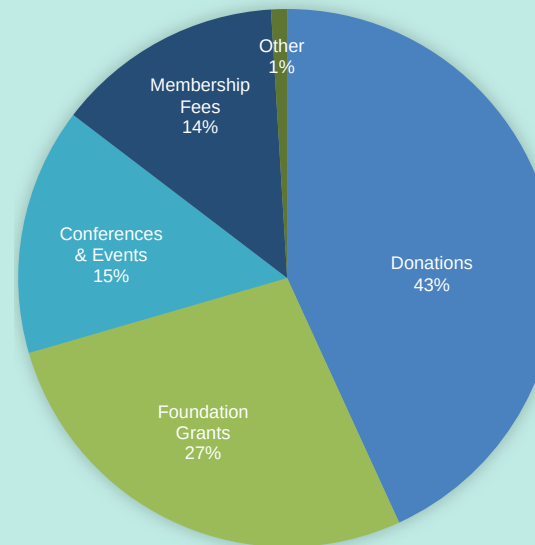
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Income and Donations

In 2025, CLS invested 82 cents of every dollar directly into ministry programs.

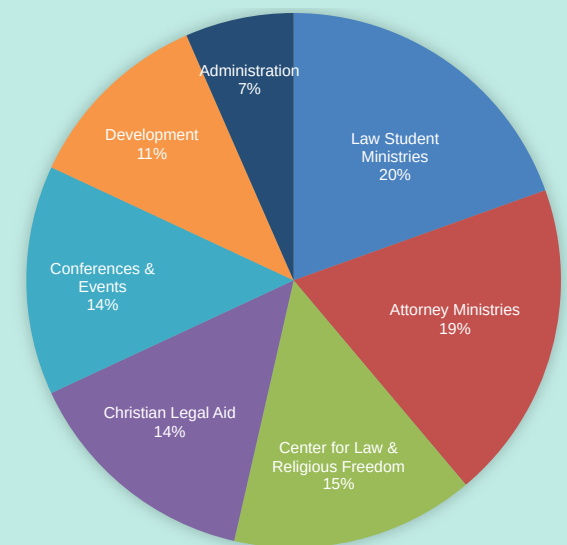


PROGRAM REVENUE



Donations	\$1,084,853	43%
Foundation Grants	\$687,000	27%
Conferences & Events	\$373,613	15%
Membership Dues	\$343,642	14%
Other	\$24,164	1%

PROGRAM EXPENSES



Law Student Ministries	\$619,009	20%
Attorney Ministries	\$612,585	19%
Center for Law & Religious Freedom	\$466,372	15%
Christian Legal Aid	\$459,458	14%
Conferences & Events	\$439,727	14%
Development	\$364,172	11%
Administration	\$208,058	7%

Note: These financial reports for 2025 are pending completion of our annual audit. All information on these pages reflects data from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. CLS' Annual Report, IRS form 990, and audited financial statements are available upon request.





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