

Anti-LGBTQ+ Legal Groups Fact Sheet



**Commit: No Pro Bono Support
for Anti-LGBTQ+ Legal
Groups!**

Pro bono support of these groups
— on any legal issue — directly
strengthens their ability to harm
LGBTQ+ people.

ADF Snapshot

Founded **1994**

Annual Budget **[2019]***

- Expenses **\$55.1 M**
- Revenue **\$54.6 M**

Legal Strength

- 40+ Staff Attorneys
- 3200+ “Allied Attorneys”
- 2000+ Attorneys trained
- 1900+ Law Students trained

PRO BONO RESOURCES

**1.1 million+ pro bono hours
equaling \$223M + in services**

Founders include

- **James Dobson**
Founder of Focus on the Family
*“If traditional marriage is not the law of the land,
the institution of the family will cease to exist.”*
- **Marlin Maddoux**
Founder of International Christian Media
*“[ADF] gives Christians a unique way to fight back
against the radical attacks of groups like the ACLU,
homosexual activists, and anti-family activists.”*

Liberty Counsel Snapshot

Founded **1989**

Founder **Mathew D. Staver**

Annual Budget **[2017-19]***

- Expenses **\$1.99M**
- Revenue **\$13.4M**

Tagline

*“Liberty Counsel is Restoring the Culture by
Advancing Religious Freedom, the Sanctity of Human
Life and the Family”*

For over 25 years, Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) and Liberty Counsel have waged a legal war against the LGBTQ+ community, systematically opposing equality for LGBT people in the areas of family formation (including marriage) and reproductive freedom, rights and protections for youth in schools, and access to goods and services.

Family Formation and Marriage Equality

— **Miller v. Jenkins**, 2009 Liberty Counsel represented a gestational mother against her former same-sex partner in Virginia, seeking to overturn a Vermont-issued joint custody decree.

— **Hobbs v. Mullen**, 2011 ADF and Liberty Counsel each represented amicus curiae in Ohio Supreme Court case, asserting that a lesbian mother who sought shared custody of the child she had jointly raised with her former partner lacked parental rights.

— **Hollingsworth v. Perry**, 2013 ADF represented Proposition 8 proponents in federal lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the California anti-marriage equality proposition.

— **Harris v. Millennium Hotel**, 2014 ADF represented amicus curiae Christian policy group in opposing a death benefit claim filed with the Alaska Worker's Compensation Board by the decedent's same-sex partner, asserting that the death benefit statute granted benefits only to the worker's legal widow or widower.

— **Obergefell v. Hodges**, 2016 ADF and the State of Alabama filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court opposing federal constitutional recognition of marriage equality.

Schools

— **Diaz v. Bloomberg**, 2003 Liberty Counsel challenged New York City's effort to expand the two-decade-old Harvey Milk High School, a public school for LGBTQ youth.

— **Citizens for a Responsible Curriculum v. Montgomery County Public Schools**, 2005 Liberty Counsel opposed public school district's health education curriculum, which included anti-bullying components and discussion of non-discrimination laws protecting LGBTQ students.

— In 2014, **ADF sent a letter and model policy** to school districts nationwide telling them how to discriminate against transgender students and offered free legal services to defend implementation of their recommended policies.

— **G.G. v. Gloucester County School Board**, 2017 Liberty Counsel submitted amicus brief in federal appellate case, opposing the right of a transgender student to access school bathroom facilities consistent with his gender identity, alleging that recognition of gender identity would sanction an “ideology rooted in serial sexual abuse of infants and children.”

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— **Hecox v. Little**, 2019 ADF is representing two collegiate athletes at Idaho State University having intervened in the ACLU's lawsuit challenging Idaho's Fairness in Women's Sports Act.

— **Doe v. Madison Metropolitan School District**, 2020 ADF is representing 14 parents of children in Madison School District challenging the school's policy allowing students to self-identify their gender identity without requiring parental consent.

— **Soule v. CT Association of Schools**, 2020 ADF has filed a lawsuit on behalf of three female high-school track competitors and their mothers, challenging Connecticut's policy of allowing transgender students to compete in girls' sports.

Reproductive Freedom

— **Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores**, 2014 ADF represented co-plaintiff Conestoga Wood in arguing that the provision of the ACA requiring birth control coverage in employer-provided health insurance plans violated the religious free exercise of rights of faith-based employers. Liberty Counsel filed a supporting amicus brief on behalf of itself and Liberty University.

— **June Medical Services v. Gee**, 2020 Liberty Counsel filed an amicus brief on behalf of Operation Rescue and the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference arguing that "every physician who performs or induces abortion shall have active admitting privileges at a hospital not further than 30 miles from the location where the abortion is performed."

"Religious Refusals" and Public Accommodations

— **Elane Photography v. Willock**, 2013 ADF represented New Mexico photographer who refused to provide services for same-sex wedding on ground that she only offered services for "traditional weddings."

— **Miller v. Davis** 2015 Liberty Counsel represented Rowan County, KY Court Clerk Kim Davis, who refused to allow her office to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples after Obergefell, based on her personal religious belief.

— **An Employer's Guide to Faith in the Workplace: Legal Protections for Christians Who Own a Business**, Since 2016, ADF is leading a campaign to inform Christian business owners on ways to legally discriminate against LGBTQ+ people. In partnership with Center for Faith and Work at LeTourneau University ADF published detailed instructions, suggesting that businessowners add religious duties to routine jobs to utilize religious exemptions.

— **Telescope Media Group v. Lucero**, 2018 ADF is representing a video and film production company that refuses wedding related services to same-sex couples in violation of a city ordinance.

— **Cervelli v. Aloha Bed & Breakfast**, 2018 ADF represents Hawai'i-based B&B owner who refused service to a lesbian couple, ostensibly based on religious beliefs.

— **Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission**, 2018 ADF represented a cake baker, asserting that owners of places of public accommodation may refuse creative services to same-sex couples on the basis of the owner's religious belief.

— **Arlene's Flowers litigation**, 2018 ADF is representing a florist who refused to provide floral services for a same-sex wedding.

— **HUD's Proposed Rule re: Shelters**, 2019 ADF supports HUD's April 2019 proposed rule allowing shelter providers that are permitted by the Fair Housing Act to be "single-sex" facilities to determine "sex" in accordance with their own policies, thereby promoting exclusion of transgender people.

Other

— **European Court of Human Rights**, 2015 ADF opposed a court ruling overturning the requirement that transgender citizens must be sterilized when seeking to update names and genders on driver licenses.

— **Cochran v. City of Atlanta**, 2017 ADF represented a former Atlanta fire chief who wrote a book containing numerous anti-LGBTQ+ comments, following his dismissal for promoting the book while on the job.

— **Parker v. Judicial Inquiry Commission of Alabama**, 2018 Liberty Counsel filed a federal lawsuit against the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission challenging its ethics complaints against a Justice who made negative comments on a radio show about marriage equality.

— **Vazzo v. City of Tampa**, 2019 Liberty Counsel filed a lawsuit challenging a city ordinance prohibiting licensed counselors from providing therapy to minors to "reduce or eliminate their same-sex attractions, behavior, or identities."

— **Bostock/Stephens/Zarda**, 2020 ADF represented R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes, defending the funeral home which fired Aimee Stephens after she notified her employer of her intent to transition.

— **Fulton v. City of Philadelphia**, 2020 ADF filed an amicus brief on behalf of adoption and foster-care providers in NY and MI, arguing that religious-based adoption agencies should be permitted to discriminate against LGBTQ+ couples.