

Alliance Defending Freedom, The Legal Organization Litigating 303 Creative v. Elenis, Received A Massive Boost In Funding In 2021– Funding Anti-Democracy Allies And Their Legal Crusade To Push An Anti-LGBTQ Agenda In The Name Of “Freedom”

Summary: The Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) [litigated](#) the *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis* Supreme Court case on behalf of the plaintiffs challenging anti-discrimination protections. The case threatens to undo “[decades of civil rights protections](#)” by allowing businesses to announce their intent to [discriminate against LGBTQ people](#). *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis* is part of a strategy spearheaded by ADF and is expected to be decided by the [court in June 2023](#).

Alliance Defending Freedom is a [recognized anti-LGBTQ hate group](#) that is the backbone of a right-wing “[legal army](#)” that works to push [unpopular anti-LGBTQ](#) and [anti-abortion agendas](#) through legal means. ADF also pushed its unpopular agenda by urging its supporters to support [restrictive voter suppression laws](#) in the wake of the [2020 election](#) and the rise of anti-democratic “election integrity” actors.

While ADF claimed that the *303 Creative case* is about “[freedom](#)” and “censorship,” the organization uses these terms to further its anti-LGBTQ agenda. [In 2021](#), ADF experienced a massive spike in funding, **reporting nearly \$105 million in total revenue– almost \$30 million more than its 2020 total**. ADF used its newfound wealth to fund anti-democratic organizations to support their unpopular, discriminatory agenda and **law firms that filed cases with ADF**. In 2021, ADF granted the following:

- **\$85,000 to the Child & Parental Rights Campaign:** An anti-trans [group affiliated](#) with Alliance Defending Freedom that [filed lawsuits challenging](#) gender-affirming policies in Florida schools. Its president, Vernadette Broyles, who [once compared](#) LGBTQ people to cockroaches, advised anti-trans legislation in [South Dakota and Georgia](#).
- **\$84,183 to the Family Foundation of Virginia:** A group that [challenged](#) [gender-affirming](#) education guidelines [in Virginia](#) and endorsed a gubernatorial candidate in the state who said that her support of the “[patriots](#)” who stormed the Capitol on January 6, 2021, was a “badge of honor.”
- **\$78,000 to the Ethics and Public Policy Center:** An organization that filed an amicus brief supporting ADF in [303 Creative LLC v. Elenis](#). The group also filed amicus briefs in support of ADF cases that [challenged a ban](#) on [LGBTQ conversion therapy](#) and the FDA’s [approval of medication abortion drug Mifepristone](#). [Conservative kingpin](#) Leonard Leo, who uses his judicial influence to [push unpopular policies](#), is a [board member](#) at the Ethics and Public Policy Center.
- **\$50,000 to County Citizens Defending Freedom USA:** A group [founded in 2021](#) that pushes for bans on LGBTQ books in Florida schools and pressures local election

officials to launch “[election integrity](#)” initiatives rooted in false claims that drive a [partisan campaign to interfere](#) with independent elections.

- **\$50,000 to the Women’s Liberation Front:** A group previously receiving funding from ADF to [fight against trans rights](#). The Women’s Liberation Front filed an [amicus brief](#) in an ADF case that [challenges the firing](#) of a Virginia teacher who refused to use a student’s preferred pronouns.
- **\$42,396 to Cooper & Kirk PLLC:** A law firm [representing](#) the petitioners in *Foundations For Individual Rights In Education v. Victims Rights Law Center*, a Supreme Court case that [challenged Title IX’s sexual harassment policies](#). ADF filed an [amicus brief](#) in support of the petitioners in that case.
- **\$25,000 to Mauck & Bake and \$19,500 to Dalton & Tomich:** Law firms that worked a case with ADF and won a [\\$370,000 settlement](#) for a healthcare worker in Illinois that sued her county government for mandating training that included information on abortion referral services.
- **\$30,000 to Kriegshauser Ney Law Group:** A law firm that [litigated a case](#) with ADF and won a [\\$95,000 settlement](#) for a Kansas public school teacher who refused to use a student’s preferred pronouns.
- **\$30,000 to Hixon & Brown:** A law firm that [litigated a lawsuit](#) with ADF that accused Planned Parenthood of intentionally miscoding abortion services to commit Medicaid fraud.
- **\$28,042 to Smith Appellate Law Firm:** A firm that filed a motion with ADF to protect a [potential abortion ban](#) in Michigan and [represented a plaintiff](#) in ADF’s case that challenged the FDA’s [approval of medication abortion drug Mifepristone](#).
- **\$27,387 to the Charlotte Lozier Institute:** A group that [filed an amicus brief](#) supporting ADF’s case that challenged the FDA’s [approval of medication abortion drug Mifepristone](#).
- **\$25,000 to the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists:** A group that [ADF represented](#) in its case that challenged the FDA’s approval of medication abortion drug Mifepristone.
- **\$20,928 to Frontline Policy Council:** A [partner of ADF](#) that launched a “[parental rights initiative](#)” in Georgia with assistance from ADF. The initiative targeted LGBTQ-affirming school policies and ‘critical race theory.’
- **\$16,766 to Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge:** A law firm that filed a motion with ADF to protect a [potential abortion ban](#) in Michigan.
- **\$11,430 to the Religious Freedom Institute:** An organization that works in [coalition with ADF](#) and works to pass “[license to discriminate](#)” legislation that allows healthcare workers to deny services to LGBTQ or abortion-seeking persons.

- **\$8,608 to Spero Law LLC:** A Law firm that assisted ADF in multiple cases. Spero Law filed an [amicus brief](#) in support of an ADF case that challenged a ban on [discriminatory hiring practices](#), served as counsel [alongside ADF](#) in a case that aims to [uphold a ban](#) on gender-affirming care in Alabama, and [filed amicus briefs](#) alongside ADF in a case that challenged a court order for a University to [recognize an on-campus Pride Alliance](#).

The Alliance Defending Freedom Is Litigating The *303 Creative LLC* Supreme Court Case, Which “Could Undo Decades Of Civil Rights Protections”

The Alliance Defending Freedom Is Litigating The *303 Creative LLC* Supreme Court Case, Which Threatens To Undo Decades Of Civil Rights Protections By Allowing Business To Discriminate Against LGBTQ People

The Alliance Defending Freedom Is Representing The Plaintiffs In *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*.

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

303 CREATIVE LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY;
LORIE SMITH,
Petitioners,

v.

AUBREY ELENIS; CHARLES GARCIA; AJAY MENON;
MIGUEL RENE ELIAS; RICHARD LEWIS; KENDRA
ANDERSON; SERGIO CORDOVA; JESSICA POCOCK; PHIL
WEISER,
Respondents.

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United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit*

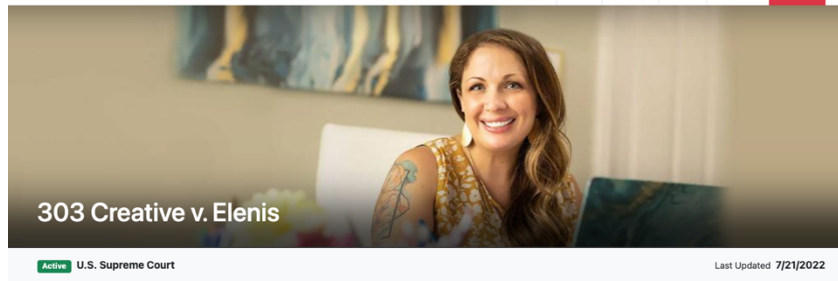
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[U.S. Supreme Court, [9/24/21](#)]

ADF Features The Case On Their Website.



Summary

Lorie Smith is an artist who runs her own design studio, 303 Creative. She specializes in graphic and website design and loves to visually convey messages in every site she creates. Lorie left the corporate design world to start her own small business in 2012 so she could use her skills to promote causes consistent with her beliefs and close to her heart, such as supporting children with disabilities, the beauty of marriage, overseas missions, animal shelters, and veterans. She was excited to expand her portfolio to create websites that celebrate marriage between a man and a woman, but Colorado made clear she's not welcome in that space. A Colorado law is censoring what Lorie wants to say and requiring her to create designs that violate her beliefs about marriage. Lorie enjoys working with people from all walks of life, but, like most artists, can't promote every message. Lorie's decisions about which projects to design are based on what message she's being asked to express, not who requests it. After realizing that Colorado was censoring her—and seeing Colorado use this same law to punish Masterpiece Cakeshop owner Jack Phillips—Lorie challenged the law to protect her freedom and her art studio.

In July 2021, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit ruled against Lorie, holding that Colorado can force her to create websites promoting messages that contradict her beliefs about marriage. Chief Judge Tymkovich wrote a powerful dissent, calling the majority's holding "unprecedented" and "staggering," stating that "[t]he Constitution protects Ms. Smith from the government telling her what to say." She appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States on September 24, 2021, and the Court granted her petition for review on February 22, 2022. Oral arguments are expected this fall.

[Alliance Defending Freedom, Accessed [8/2/22](#)]

ADF's Plaintiffs In *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis* Challenge Bans On Businesses' Ability To Announce Their Intent To Discriminate Against LGBTQ People. "Because she opposes same-sex marriage on religious grounds, Smith does not want to design websites for same-sex weddings, and she wants to post a message on her own website to explain that. But a Colorado law prohibits businesses that are open to the public from discriminating against gay people or announcing their intent to do so." [SCOTUS Blog, [2/22/22](#)]

***303 Creative LLC v. Elenis* "Could Undo Decades Of Civil Rights Protections."** "In *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*, a web designer named Lorie Smith seeks the court's permission to publicly announce that due to her religious convictions, her company "will not be able to create websites for same-sex marriages or any other marriage that is not between one man and one woman." [Slate, [3/9/22](#)]

***303 Creative LLC v. Elenis* Is Part Of A "Nationwide Experimental Legal Strategy Spearheaded By The [Alliance Defending Freedom]."** "303 Creative is not stand-alone litigation. Rather, it is part of a nationwide experimental legal strategy spearheaded by the ADF to advance a broader anti-LGBTQ project. The strategy is aggressive and preemptive, as I have documented in my research on the group's methods leading up to Smith's case. The ADF seeks to secure an advance judicial permission to engage in what is currently forbidden after the fact: refusals to transact with LGBTQ parties. In a wave of preemptive proceedings, the organization represents businesses owned by devout Christians who declare an intention to refuse to deal with LGBTQ couples in the context of marriage. These businesses sue before they deny anyone service and thus, by definition, without being challenged by any legal authority." [Slate, [3/9/22](#)]

ADF Is A Recognized Hate Group That Pushes Unpopular Anti-LGBTQ And Anti-Abortion Ideology Via The Courts And Agitated Anti-Democracy Sentiment In The Wake Of The 2020 Election

ADF Is A Recognized Extremist Group For Its Hardline Anti-LGBTQ And Anti-Abortion Views And Is One Of America's Leading Groups Fighting Against LGBTQ And Abortion Rights

ADF Is The Backbone Of A Self Described “Legal Army” That Fights The Religious Right’s Battles The Alliance Defending Freedom, described by founder Alan Sears as a “legal army,” is the engine behind the Christian right’s legal agenda.” [The Nation, [11/30/21](#)]

- **Alliance Defending Freedom’s Foundational Belief Is That Conservative Christians Face Discrimination In American Society, And That “Religious Liberty” Must Be Protected To Fight This “Discrimination.”** “This burgeoning ‘legal army’ has helped ADF advance its foundational narrative: that conservative Christians, in particular, face persecution in the United States[...] But no organization has played a more pivotal role than ADF in shaping and testing ‘religious freedom’ as the Christian right’s latest legal strategy in the culture wars. And while the Federalist Society has positioned itself as the right’s screening agency for the federal judiciary, no other conservative Christian legal organization has propelled so many attorneys into state and federal government, where they are now in positions to oversee the restructuring of civil-rights and First Amendment law in ADF’s mold.” [The Nation, [11/28/17](#)]

ADF Is A Recognized Extremist Group By The Southern Poverty Law Center For Its Hardline Ant-LGBTQ Views. “Founded by some 30 leaders of the Christian Right, the Alliance Defending Freedom is a legal advocacy and training group that has supported the recriminalization of homosexuality in the U.S. and criminalization abroad; has defended state-sanctioned sterilization of trans people abroad; has linked homosexuality to pedophilia and claims that a “homosexual agenda” will destroy Christianity and society. ADF also works to develop “religious liberty” legislation and case law that will allow the denial of goods and services to LGBT people on the basis of religion. Since the election of President Donald Trump, the ADF has become one of the most influential groups informing the administration’s attack on LGBT rights working with an ally in Attorney General Jeff Sessions.” [SPLC, [Accessed 6/13/23](#)]

- **Media Matters: ADF Is The Most Influential Group Working To Roll Back LGBTQ Rights In America.** “The group is in many ways the most influential group working to roll back LGBTQ equality in the country, frequently targeting basic protections for transgender students and pushing religious exemptions policies.” [Media Matters, [7/30/18](#)]

ADF Works To Outlaw Abortion. “Under Sears’ leadership, ADF expanded its training, funding and outreach not only domestically but internationally. Using its international platforms, ADF works with policymakers and other organizations to outlaw abortion, deny equality and marriage to LGBTQ people worldwide, and continue to push for a hard-right Christian theocratic worldview that is reflected in legislation and policies.” [SPLC, [Accessed 6/13/23](#)]

Alliance Defending Freedom Began To Engage In Voter Suppression Efforts And Push Voter Fraud Conspiracies In The Wake Of The 2020 Election

At A 2021 Rally To Organize Grassroots Efforts To Restrict Voting, Alliance Defending Freedom’s President Publicly Celebrated The Right-Wing Effort To Pass State Voter

Suppression Bills. “Tony Perkins, the group’s president, expressed optimism about the number of voting bills that were moving along and suggested that last year’s election results were tainted. ‘We’ve got 106 election-related bills that are in 28 states right now,’ he said to the audience. ‘So here’s the good news: There is action taking place to go back and correct what was uncovered in this last election.’ Joining Mr. Perkins on the stage was Michael P. Farris, the president of the deep-pocketed and powerful Christian legal group Alliance Defending Freedom. He chimed in approvingly: “Let me just say, ‘Amen,’ he said.” [New York Times, [3/19/21](#)]

The President Of Alliance Defending Freedom Gave A Speech In 2021 Claiming That “Constitutional Irregularities” Led To Incorrect Vote Counts That Cost Trump The 2020 Election. “In early February, the Family Research Council’s president, Tony Perkins, led a discussion at the influential megachurch Cornerstone Chapel in Virginia with Michael Farris, a longtime conservative activist and now president of the Christian-right legal powerhouse Alliance Defending Freedom. Declaring election integrity ‘vital for our future,’ Farris claimed to have undertaken a ‘thorough study’ of the 2020 election and to have found ‘constitutional irregularities in many, many states,’” particularly in those where the election was close. He claimed the ‘central problem was the failure to follow the preestablished process in counting the votes’ and insisted that if votes had been properly tallied, Trump would have won.” [Vox, [9/28/21](#)]

In 2021, ADF Saw A Massive Increase In Its Funding

ADF Had Revenue Of Nearly \$105 Million In 2021—Almost \$30 Million More Than It Reported In 2020

ADF Experienced A Large Spike In Funding In 2021, Raising Almost \$30 Million More Than It Did In 2020.

b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-I, Part I, line 11		17b	v.
		Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	76,026,674.	96,806,543.
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[Alliance Defending Freedom Form 990, [2021](#)]

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- **ADF Received Five Individual Donations Over \$1 Million In 2021.**

Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
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5	_____ _____ _____	\$ 1,963,982.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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ADF Shared Their Financial Windfall With Their Allies Who Push ADF’s Unpopular And Anti-Democratic Ideology Across The Country

Child & Parental Rights Campaign, Which Received \$85,000 From ADF In 2021, Is An Anti-Trans Group That Is Affiliated With ADF

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Child & Parental Rights Campaign 5425 Peachtree Parkway, Ste. 110 Norcross, GA 30092	83-4560997	501(c)(3)	85,000.
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The Child & Parental Rights Campaign Filed Two Lawsuits Challenging Gender Affirming Policies In Florida In Late 2021 And Early 2022. “The Child and Parental Rights Campaign filed the suit on behalf of the parents in federal court. Child and Parental Rights Campaign, Inc. (CPR-C) is a non-partisan, non-profit public interest law firm whose mission is to defend parental rights and protect children’s well-being against the impacts of gender identity ideology. The group recently filed a lawsuit against Leon County school officials related to allegations that a middle school student was put through a gender transition plan without parental notification. In that case, there was school guidance that indicated minor students did have a right to privacy. Leon County Schools Superintendent Rocky Hanna has since changed the guidance.” [Tallahassee Reports, [1/30/22](#)]

Slate Referred To The Child & Parental Rights Campaign As A “A Thinly Veiled Anti-Trans Organization Affiliated With The Alliance Defending Freedom.” “In Florida, anti-LGBTQ forces are trying more direct measures. Over the past few months, two lawsuits were filed in Florida by the Child & Parental Rights Campaign, or CPR-C, seeking to implement forced outing through litigation. These lawsuits seek to require school staff to out students by reporting to parents if a student has gender dysphoria or is questioning their gender. CPR-C is a thinly veiled anti-trans organization affiliated with the Alliance Defending Freedom, which the Southern Poverty Law Center lists as a hate group.” [Slate, [2/24/22](#)]

Mother Jones Claimed The Child & Parental Rights Campaign’s President, Vernadette Broyles, Is Affiliated With ADF. “In messages back and forth, some members of the group pushed Deutsch to make the bill even more restrictive. Vernadette Broyles, the president and general counsel of a Georgia-based law firm called the Child & Parental Rights Campaign, urged him to raise the age threshold to 18. Broyles, who is also affiliated with the conservative Christian legal powerhouse Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), warned that other religious-right groups might not support the bill if ‘you start by giving away 16 and 17-year olds right from the outset.’” [Mother Jones, [3/08/23](#)]

- **Broyles Is A Part Of A Network Of Anti-Trans Activists Who Advise Legislators And Other Advocates On How To Pass Anti-Trans Legislation.** “The message was one in a trove of emails obtained by Mother Jones between Deutsch and representatives of a network of activists and organizations at the forefront of the anti-trans movement. They show the degree to which these activists shaped Deutsch’s repressive legislation, a version of which was signed into law in February, and the tactics, alliances, and goals of a movement that has sought to foist their agenda on a national scale.” [Mother Jones, [3/08/23](#)]
- **Broyles Advised Anti-Trans Legislation In South Dakota And Georgia.** “On a Saturday afternoon in August 2019, South Dakota Republican state Rep. Fred Deutsch sent an email to 18 anti-trans activists, doctors, and lawyers with the text of a bill he planned to introduce that would make it a felony for doctors to give transgender children under 16 gender-affirming medical care.[...] In messages back and forth, some members of the group pushed Deutsch to make the bill even more restrictive. Vernadette Broyles, the president and general counsel of a Georgia-based law firm called the Child &

Parental Rights Campaign, urged him to raise the age threshold to 18. [...] In October 2019, Broyles announced to the group that she and Robbins had met with Georgia state Rep. Ginny Ehrhart and converted her to their cause. ‘She is filing our bill this legislative session,’ Broyles wrote. ‘Am stoked for what God is doing in Georgia.’ Not long after their meeting, the Atlanta Journal Constitution reported Ehrhart as saying she had drafted the bill in response to a high-profile child custody dispute in the Texas, in which parents disagreed about their child’s gender identity.” [Mother Jones, [3/08/23](#)]

- **Broyles Once Compared LGBTQ People To Cockroaches.** “Vernadette Broyles is an ADF allied attorney involved in a lawsuit to repeal a trans-inclusive school policy in Decatur, Georgia. She also recently launched the Child & Parental Rights Campaign, which provides pro bono legal representation to parents who want to reject their children’s gender identity. At the October 9 summit, Broyles: compared LGBTQ advocates to insects, claiming LGBTQ-inclusive school policies are ‘passed in the dark’ and ‘there’s a reason why cockroaches like the dark’” [Media Matters, [10/15/19](#)]
- **Broyles Filed A Lawsuit In 2018 Attempting To Overturn A Gender-Affirming Bathroom Policy In Georgia.** “Decatur schools implemented a policy allowing students to use facilities consistent with their gender identity after a controversial 2016 advisory from the administration of President Barack Obama, which said schools had to do so. [...] The complaint, filed by Norcross attorney Vernadette Broyles under the federal Title IX law, says the City Schools of Decatur created a hostile environment for girls by ‘eliminating their expectation of privacy from the opposite sex.’” [Atlanta Journal Constitution, [10/03/18](#)]

The Family Foundation Of Virginia, Which Received \$84,183 From ADF In 2021, Worked To Roll Back Gender-Affirming Policies In Virginia And Endorsed A Fervent Insurrectionist In The Virginia Gubernatorial Race

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In 2021, The Family Foundation Of Virginia Filed A Lawsuit In An Effort To Roll Back State Guidelines That Encourage Gender-Affirming Treatment Of Trans Students. “A faith-based conservative group filed a lawsuit Tuesday challenging Virginia’s new state guidelines on the treatment of transgender students in public schools, alleging the policies violate parental child-rearing rights and student rights to freely exercise their religion. The lawsuit filed by The Family Foundation of Virginia, the Founding Freedoms Law Center and a parent from Hanover County asks the court to send the model policies back to the state Department of Education for revision.” [Virginian-Pilot, [3/31/21](#)]

The Family Foundation Of Virginia Led An Initiative To Overturn The Gender-Affirming Guidelines And Led A Petition Drive To Rewrite Them. “The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) released a new draft policy for the treatment of transgender students in the Commonwealth’s public schools Friday afternoon. Officials with the VDOE said that if the new

policy is approved, it would override the current 2021 policies. [...] The Family Foundation had been leading a 'Protect Every Kid' initiative in opposition to the 2021 policies. They had also been collecting petition signatures to urge Youngkin to re-write those policies." [WTVR, [9/18/22](#)]

- **In 2022, The Virginia Department Of Education Announced A Drafted Rewrite Of The Guidelines, To The Approval Of The Family Foundation Of Virginia.** "The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) released a new draft policy for the treatment of transgender students in the Commonwealth's public schools Friday afternoon. Officials with the VDOE said that if the new policy is approved, it would override the current 2021 policies. The 2021 'Model Policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students' were applied in all school districts across the state per a 2020 Virginia law that requires all districts in the Commonwealth to adopt, at a minimum, the VDOE's model policies for transgender students. [...] Officials with the Family Foundation of Virginia favor the new draft policy they said protects parental rights." [WTVR, [9/18/22](#)]

The Family Foundation Of Virginia Endorsed Amanda Chase, Who Celebrated The Attempted January 6 Insurrection As An Act By "Patriots Who Love Their Country," For Governor In 2021. "Amanda Chase, a state senator in Virginia who is running for governor, attends an Assemblies of God congregation in Midlothian and has the endorsement of the Family Foundation of Virginia, which is not affiliated with Focus. In a January speech to the Virginia Senate, Chase praised the insurrectionists who attacked the U.S. Capitol: 'These were not rioters and looters. These were patriots who love their country and do not want to see our great Republic turn into a socialist country.'" [Religion Unplugged, [2/03/21](#)]

The Ethics And Public Policy Center, Which Received \$78,000 From ADF In 2021, Has Supported ADF In Various Legal Efforts To Overturn LGBTQ And Abortion Rights Including In 303 Creative LLC v. Elenis And ADF's Efforts To Ban Medication Abortion

The Ethics And Public Policy Center Received \$11,430 From ADF In 2021.

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The Ethics And Public Policy Center Filed An Amicus Brief In 303 Creative LLC v. Elenis

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**BRIEF OF AMICI CURIAE ETHICS AND PUBLIC
POLICY CENTER, AND AFRICAN AMERICAN
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IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS**

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- **ADF Is Arguing In The 303 Creative Case That Anti-Discrimination Laws That Protect LGBTQ Persons Violate The Constitution.** “Lawyers from the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), a Christian-identified, anti-LGBTQ organization, represent Lorie Smith, a web designer who wants to sell custom wedding websites to opposite-sex couples — but not to same-sex couples. They argue that Smith should be exempt from a Colorado law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. ADF’s lawyers make an uncharacteristically strong argument. “It is bedrock law that the First Amendment protects an artist’s right to choose what to say and when to remain silent,” ADF writes in its brief.” [Vox, [12/03/22](#)]

The Ethics And Public Policy Center Filed An Amicus Brief In Tingley v. Ferguson, Which Challenges A Ban On LGBTQ Conversion Therapy

In 2023, The Ethics And Public Policy Center Filed And Amicus Brief In Support Of ADF’s Client In *Tingley v. Ferguson*, A Case Where ADF Is Arguing Washington State’s Ban On LGBTQ-Conversion Therapy Is Unconstitutional.

**BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE
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- **ADF Brought The Lawsuit In *Tingley v. Ferguson* To The Supreme Court To Challenge Washington State’s Ban On LGBTQ-Conversion Therapy.** “But now, Brian’s practice is in jeopardy. In 2018, Washington passed a law that allows government officials to censor private conversations between counselors and their clients. The law prohibits any conversation between individuals and their chosen counselor that seeks to help the client achieve comfort with his or her biological sex, or reduce unwanted same-sex attractions. This includes clients who desire this counseling to help them bring their hearts, minds and conduct in line with the teachings of their faith. [...] That’s why ADF filed a lawsuit on Brian’s behalf challenging Washington State’s unconstitutional law.” [Alliance Defending Freedom, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]
- **Experts Have Called LGBTQ Conversation Therapy “A Legal Form Of Abuse.”** “Matt Ogston, 40, created a foundation campaigning for a ban on conversion therapy in 2014. That year, his partner, Naz Mahmood, had been urged to find a cure for his sexuality by his Muslim parents, who discovered the treatments online and through word of mouth. [...] ‘It’s not a fringe issue – it’s an issue that isn’t being talked about enough,’ he concludes. It’s a legal form of abuse – and it has to be stopped.” [CNN, [1/21/19](#)]

The Ethics And Public Policy Center Filed An Amicus Brief In ADF’s Effort To Overturn The FDA’s Approval Of Abortion Medication Mifepristone

In 2023, The Ethics And Public Policy Foundation Filed An Amicus Brief In Support Of ADF’s Legal Effort To Overturn The FDA’s Approval Of The Medication Abortion Drug Mifepristone. “In an Amarillo courthouse last week, lawyers seeking to move abortion medication off the market focused less on the existential question of when life begins — and more on the procedural question of when a law dies. The lawsuit focuses on the Food and Drug Administration’s approval of mifepristone, an abortion-inducing drug. But lawyers for the Alliance Defending Freedom took the opportunity to appeal to a higher power — U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmarky — to resurrect a long-dormant law that would upend abortion access in the United States. [...] Ed Whelan, a senior fellow and former president of the conservative Ethics and Public Policy Center, argued in an amicus brief that Congress had a chance in 1978 to

clarify that Comstock applied only to unlawful abortions but declined to do so, in part because the courts had not been clear.” [KERA News, [3/20/23](#)]

The Ethics And Public Policy Center Launched A Coalition With ADF To Educate Healthcare Workers On How To Discriminate Against Patients

In March 2022, The Ethics And Public Policy Center In A Coalition With ADF Launched An Initiative To Provide Healthcare Workers With Resources That Allow Them To Use Conscience Objection To Discriminate Against LGBTQ And Abortion Seeking Patients.

“The Ethics and Public Policy Center has partnered with the Alliance Defending Freedom, the Christ Medicus Foundation, and the Religious Freedom Institute to provide a new resource for health care professionals to secure their conscience and religious freedom rights under federal law. The two-page guide explains the federal conscience protections that apply to health care professionals, students, and entities, as well as the religious nondiscrimination and accommodation rights health care employees are entitled to under federal law. It also explains how to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) if those rights have been violated.” [Ethics And Public Policy Center, [3/11/22](#)]

- **The Southern Poverty Law Center Calls This Type Of Legislation a “License To Discriminate.”** “Additional speakers and sponsors at the summit that have ties to extremism and promote extremist ideologies include the Religious Freedom Institute, an organization that promotes ‘license to discriminate’ legislation in the U.S. that would allow doctors to refuse to treat transgender people or provide abortion care.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, [2/17/23](#)]

Right-Wing Activist Leonard Leo Sits On The Board Of The Ethics And Public Policy Center

Leonard Leo Is A Board Member At The Ethics And Public Policy Center. “Leonard A. Leo is chairman of CRC Advisors and co-chairman of the board of directors of the Federalist Society. He also previously served as chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. He has played an active role in public diplomacy, including as a U.S. delegate to the United Nations Council, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the World Health Organization’s World Health Assembly.” [EPPC.org, [Accessed 6/13/23](#)]

- **Leonard Leo Has “Been On A Mission” To Reshape The Courts For Over Two Decades.** “For two decades, Leo has been on a mission to turn back the clock to a time before the U.S. Supreme Court routinely expanded the government’s authority and endorsed new rights such as abortion and same-sex marriage. Now, as President Trump’s unofficial judicial adviser, he told the audience at the closed-door event in February that they had to mobilize in ‘very unprecedented ways’ to help finish the job.” [The Washington Post, [05/21/19](#)]
- **The New Yorker: Leo Is Not A Politician, Public Figure, Nor Legal Scholar But He “Has Met And Cultivated Almost Every Important Republican Lawyer In More Than A Generation.”** [New Yorker, [4/17/17](#)]

- **Leo Has Been "Widely Known As A Confidant To Trump" And "The Maestro Of A Network Of Interlocking Nonprofits" To Support Conservative Judges.** "He is widely known as a confidant to Trump and as executive vice president of the Federalist Society, an influential nonprofit organization for conservative and libertarian lawyers that has close ties to Supreme Court justices. But behind the scenes, Leo is the maestro of a network of interlocking nonprofits working on media campaigns and other initiatives to sway lawmakers by generating public support for conservative judges." [The Washington Post, [05/21/19](#)]

Leo Is Co-Chairman Of "Right-Wing Powerhouse Group The Federalist Society" And "Helped Fuel The Rise Of Five Of The Six Republican Supreme Court Justices." "The 90-year-old was said to have gifted \$1.65 billion to a conservative nonprofit fronted by Leonard Leo, the cochairman of the right-wing powerhouse group The Federalist Society. Leo helped fuel the rise of five of the six Republican Supreme Court justices, as ProPublica noted, and has helped fund fights over abortion rights, voting laws, and other conservative causes." [Insider, [08/26/22](#)]

- **The Federalist Society Counted "Six Of The Nine Sitting Supreme Court Justices" As Current Or Former Members As Of March 2021.** "In a new audiobook, Law School professor explores the rise of the Federalist Society and why its sway may be waning [...] Beginning in the early 1980s, when it was not exactly cool to be a conservative law student, a small group of students started a club, named in honor of The Federalist Papers, where they could safely discuss their right-of-center views. Fast-forward 40 years and six of the nine sitting Supreme Court Justices are current or former members of that club." [The Harvard Gazette, [03/04/21](#)]
- **The Six Justices Were Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, Brett Kavanaugh, John Roberts, Neil Gorsuch, And Amy Coney Barrett** "Supreme Court Justices with Federalist Society ties: (clockwise from upper left) Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, Brett Kavanaugh, John Roberts, Neil Gorsuch, and Amy Coney Barrett." [The Harvard Gazette, [03/04/21](#)]

Leo Sought To Stack The Courts Because He Believes The Courts Are The Best Way To Achieve His Religious Conservative Social Agenda. "Leonard Leo was a visionary," said Tom Carter, who served as Leo's media relations director when he was chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), in an exclusive interview with The Daily Beast. "He figured out twenty years ago that conservatives had lost the culture war. Abortion, gay rights, contraception—conservatives didn't have a chance if public opinion prevailed. So they needed to stack the courts." [Daily Beast, [6/24/18](#)]

- **Former Leo Associate Tom Carter Said That The Catholic Right Has Been Successful In Its Mission And Credits Leo For This Success.** "Amazingly, said Carter, Leo has succeeded in this mission with few people taking notice. The Christian right has been written about a lot, but hardly anyone talks about the Catholic right," Carter said. "Four Supreme Court justices—they're more successful than anybody: the NRA, the Israel lobby, Big Pharma, no one else has had that kind of impact." [Daily Beast, [6/24/18](#)]
- **In 2012, Leo Created Catholic Organizations To Launch Advocacy Campaigns Against Same-Sex Marriage, The Affordable Care Act, and Roe v. Wade.** "In 2012, Leo joined the boards of the nonprofit Catholic Association and an affiliated charity, the

Catholic Association Foundation. They funded campaigns to rally Catholic voters and stop states from recognizing same-sex marriage. The two Catholic nonprofits launched a third organization called Catholic Voices. Its stated mission was to train Catholic lay members to advocate for religious and conservative causes, some of whom later wrote letters for publication in major newspapers condemning the Affordable Care Act and Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal.” [Washington Post, [5/21/19](#)]

County Citizens Defending Freedom USA, Which Was Founded In 2021 And Received \$50,000 From ADF That Year, Pressures Local School Districts To Remove LGBTQ Books From Libraries And Promotes Election Security Skepticism

County Citizens Defending Freedom USA Received \$50,00 From ADF In 2021.

County Citizens Defending Freedom - USA Foundation, Inc. - 590 NW 3rd Street - Mulberry , FL 33860	86-3949080	501(c)(3)	50,000.
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County Citizens Defending Freedom USA Was Founded In 2021. “County Citizens Defending Freedom USA, a new group formed early last year in Polk County, Florida, has already succeeded in pressuring the local school district into temporarily removing 16 books that deal primarily with LGBTQ topics and reviewing whether to ban them entirely.” [Media Matters, [3/29/22](#)]

- **County Citizens Defending Freedom USA Is Affiliated With ADF And Right-Wing Group Turning Points USA.** “The group’s alliance with national groups including the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) and Turning Point USA (TPUSA) represents growing efforts by larger right-wing organizations with extremist ties to build local networks — and rally parents who are already organizing on Facebook — to pursue their anti-LGBTQ agendas.” [Media Matters, [3/29/22](#)]

County Citizens Successfully Pressured The School District Of Polk County, Florida To Remove 16 Books That Discuss LGBTQ Topics From Libraries. “County Citizens Defending Freedom USA, a new group formed early last year in Polk County, Florida, has already succeeded in pressuring the local school district into temporarily removing 16 books that deal primarily with LGBTQ topics and reviewing whether to ban them entirely.” [Media Matters, [3/29/22](#)]

County Citizens Defending Freedom USA Pressured Polk County, Florida Officials To Launch A “Forensic Audit” Of County’s Election Management System. “The office’s election management system, the computer server used for everything from creating ballots to recording votes in individual precincts, remains locked in a room controlled by passwords that only two people know, Edwards said. The equipment is stored in a room with two-factor authentication under 24-hour camera surveillance. A newly formed political group, County Citizens Defending Freedom (CCDF), is requesting permission to inspect the equipment and capture what it calls a ‘forensic audit,’ a copy of the program’s functions.” [The Ledger, [12/20/21](#)]

- **“Election Integrity” Initiatives Are Rooted In False Claims That Drive A Partisan Campaign To Interfere With Independent Elections According To Experts.** “Election Integrity: False claims of fraud are driving attempts to interfere with the independent, nonpartisan counting of votes and certification of election results.” [Brennan Center For Justice, [Accessed 6/13/23](#)]

Women’s Liberation Front, Which Received \$50,000 From ADF In 2021, Has Supported ADF’s Legal Efforts To Uphold LGBTQ Discrimination

Women’s Liberation Front Received \$50,000 From ADF In 2021.

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Women’s Liberation Front Previously Received Funding From ADF To Support Its Fight Against Obama’s Gender-Affirming Bathroom Policies. “WoLF’s leaders have become frequent guests on ‘Tucker Carlson Tonight’ and at Heritage Foundation events. The group received a \$15,000 grant from the Alliance Defending Freedom to help fund a legal fight against the Obama administration over transgender bathroom policies.” [Washington Post, [2/07/20](#)]

Women’s Liberation Front Filed An Amicus Brief In An ADF Case That Challenges The Firing Of A Virginia Teacher Who Refused To Use A Student’s Preferred Pronouns.

ADF Is Representing The Plaintiff In *Vlaming v. W. Point Sch. Bd.*, Who Sued The West Point School Board In Virginia After He Was Fired From His Job As A Public School Teacher For Refusing To Use A Student’s Preferred Pronouns. “Shawn Ashley Voyles, McKenry Dancigers Dawson PC, Virginia Beach, VA, Jonathan Caleb Dalton, Alliance Defending Freedom, Washington, DC, for Plaintiff. [...] John A. Gibney, Jr., United States District Judge From 2012 to 2018, Peter Vlaming taught French at West Point Public Schools. During a class exercise in 2018, Vlaming referred to John Doe, a transgender male student, by female pronouns. Shortly thereafter, the West Point School Board (‘the School Board’) suspended Vlaming and ordered him to refer to Doe by male pronouns. When Vlaming refused, the School Board fired him.” [CaseText, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

- **ADF Argued The Plaintiff’s Firing Violated The Virginia State Constitution And Other State Laws.** “Vlaming sued the School Board and three School Board members in their official capacities in the King William County Circuit Court, alleging that the School Board violated the Virginia Constitution and other state laws by firing him.” [CaseText, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]
- **ADF Appealed The Case To The Virginia Supreme Court In 2022.** “High school French teacher Peter Vlaming was fired from his job in West Point, Virginia for declining to refer to a female student with male pronouns even though he consistently accommodated the student by using the student’s preferred name instead of the student’s given name. Vlaming is suing the school board for violating his rights under the Virginia Constitution and Virginia law. ADF attorneys, along with allied attorney Shawn

Voyles, appealed his case to the Virginia Supreme Court after the Circuit Court for the County of King William dismissed the case.” [Alliance Defending Freedom, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

Women’s Liberation Front Filed An Amicus Brief In *Vlaming v. W. Point Sch. Bd* In 2022.

**BRIEF OF *AMICUS CURIAE* WOMEN’S LIBERATION FRONT
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Women’s Liberation Front Filed An Amicus Brief In An ADF Case That Filed h Challenges A Ban On LGBTQ Conversion Therapy

In 2023, Women’s Liberation Front Filed An Amicus Brief In Support Of ADF’s Client In *Tingley v. Ferguson*, A Case Where ADF Is Arguing Washington State’s Ban On LGBTQ-Conversion Therapy Is Unconstitutional.

**BRIEF OF *AMICUS CURIAE*
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- **ADF Brought The Lawsuit In *Tingley v. Ferguson* To The Supreme Court In Order TO Challenge Washington State’s Ban On LGBTQ-Conversion Therapy.** “But now, Brian’s practice is in jeopardy. In 2018, Washington passed a law that allows government officials to censor private conversations between counselors and their clients. The law prohibits any conversation between individuals and their chosen counselor that seeks to help the client achieve comfort with his or her biological sex, or reduce unwanted same-sex attractions. This includes clients who desire this counseling to help them bring their hearts, minds and conduct in line with the teachings of their faith. [...] That’s why ADF filed a lawsuit on Brian’s behalf challenging Washington State’s unconstitutional law.” [Alliance Defending Freedom, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]
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Women’s Liberation Filed Amicus Brief In Supports Of ADF Cases That Push Trans Sports Bans

Women’s Liberation Front Filed An Amicus Brief In Support Of ADF’s Effort To Overturn The Ban Of A West Virginia That Bans Trans Students From Participating In Sports That Correspond With Their Gender Identity. “In the first case to come before the Supreme Court addressing today’s threats to women’s sports, attorneys with Alliance Defending Freedom and the West Virginia attorney general’s office filed a motion Thursday asking the high court to reverse a federal appeals court’s injunction blocking the state’s law without providing any rationale [...] Feminist group Women’s Liberation Front explained in its brief how women’s sex-based civil rights ‘are threatened when court decisions and agency policies embrace the vague concept of ‘gender identity’ in a manner that overrides statutory and Constitutional protections that are based explicitly on ‘sex.’ If, as a matter of law, ‘sex’ is no longer understood to be an immutable characteristic, but instead merely a subjective self-declared and mutable ‘identity’—then the ability to protect women and girls from sex-based discrimination is greatly diminished.” [Alliance Defending Freedom, [3/13/23](#)]

Women’s Liberation Front Filed An Amicus Brief In *Hecox v. Little*.

**BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE WOMEN'S LIBERATION FRONT
IN SUPPORT OF APPELLANTS AND REVERSAL**

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- **ADF Are Representing The Appellants In *Hecox v. Little*, Who Seek To Overturn Idaho's Law That Allows Trans Student Athletes To Participate In Sports That Correspond With Their Gender Identity.** "Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys representing Idaho female collegiate athletes who support the state's Fairness in Women's Sports Act will be available for media interviews Tuesday following oral arguments at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. The athletes are asking the court to dismiss the ACLU's challenge to a state law protecting women's sports and lift a hold on the law that forces female athletes to compete against males who identify as female while the lawsuit proceeds. In the case, *Hecox v. Little*, ADF attorneys represent two collegiate athletes, Madison Kenyon and Mary Kate Marshall, who run track and cross-country at Idaho State University." [Alliance Defending Freedom, [11/21/22](#)]

**Cooper & Kirk PLLC, Which Received \$42,396 From ADF In 2021,
Launched A Supreme Court Case Targeting Title IX Policies That ADF
Later Filed An Amicus Brief In Support Of**

Cooper & Kirk PLLC Received \$42,396 From ADF In 2021.

Norcross, GA 30092	83-4560997	501(c)(3)	85,000.	0.
Cooper & Kirk PLLC 1523 New Hampshire Ave. NW Washington, DC 20036	30-0101425		42,396.	0.

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Cooper & Kirk PLLC Served As Counsels For The Petitioners In The Supreme Court Case *Foundations For Individual Rights In Education v. Victims Rights Law Center*—A Case Where ADF Filed An Amicus Brief In 2021.

No. 21-84

Title: **Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, et al., Petitioners**
v.
Victim Rights Law Center, et al.

Docketed: July 21, 2021

Lower Ct: United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

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Aug 20 2021 Brief amicus curiae of Alliance Defending Freedom filed.

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[Supreme Court Docket Files, [2/18/21](#)]

- **The Petition For The Case Was Denied In 2022.**

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[Supreme Court Docket Files, [2/10/22](#)]

- **The Foundation For Individual Rights In Education’s Petition Came In Response To Being Denied The Right To Intervene In A Underlying Lawsuit Targeting Title IX’s Sexual Harassment Policies.** “The First Circuit affirmed the judgment of the district court denying Appellants' motion to intervene in the underlying suit involving a challenge to the U.S. Department of Education's recent promulgation of a challenged regulation, holding that the district court did not abuse its discretion by denying the motion to intervene. The regulation at issue sets the standard for actionable sexual harassment for administrative enforcement of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and provides additional procedural protections to students who have been accused of sexual harassment.” [Justia, Accessed [6/12/23](#)]


Dalton & Tomich, Which Received \$19,500 From ADF In 2021, And Mauck & Baker, Which Received \$25,000 From ADF In 2021, Won A \$370,000 Settlement For A Nurse Who Refused To Undergo Training That Involved Learning About Abortion Referral Services

Dalton & Tomich Received \$19,500 From ADF In 2021.

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Dalton & Tomich Attorney Noel Sterett Is An ADF Affiliated Attorney.



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[Alliance Defending Freedom, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

Mauk & Baker Received \$25,000 From ADF In 2021.

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- Alliance Defending Freedom Allied Attorney

[Mauk & Baker, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

In Early 2022, Dalton & Tomich, Mauck & Baker, And ADF Won A \$370,000 Settlement For A Nurse Who Sued Her County Government After Being Asked To Undergo Training That Involved Learning About Abortion Referrals And “Abortifacient Contraceptives.” “An Illinois county must pay more than \$370,000 in attorney’s fees for requiring a Christian nurse to refer women for abortions and provide abortifacient contraceptives, a state judge ruled Wednesday. Sandra Rojas had worked as a pediatric nurse for 18 years in the Winnebago County Health Department when, in 2015, she and other nurses were required to undergo training that involved learning about abortion referrals and abortifacient contraceptives. [...] Alliance Defending Freedom served as co-counsel in the case alongside Noel Sterett of Dalton & Tomich and Whitman Brisky of Mauck & Baker.” [Christian Headlines, [2/18/22](#)]

Kriegshauser Ney Law Group, Which Received \$30,000 From ADF In 2021, Co-Litigated A Case With ADF That Won A \$95,000 Settlement For A Teacher Who Refused To Use A Student’s Preferred Pronouns

Kriegshauser Ney Law Group Received \$30,000 From ADF In 2021.

West Des Moines, IA 50266	06-1659752	30,000.
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Kriegshauser Ney Law Group Co-Litigated A Case With ADF That Won A \$95,000 Settlement For A Kansas Teacher Who Refused To Use A Student’s Preferred Pronouns.

“A Kansas school district will pay a former middle school teacher \$95,000 to settle a lawsuit she filed after she was disciplined for refusing to use a student’s preferred pronouns, her attorneys announced Wednesday. [...] ‘No school district should ever force teachers to willfully deceive parents or engage in any speech that violates their deeply held religious beliefs,’ said Tyson Langhofer, the director of the Alliance Defending Freedom Center for Academic Freedom, which filed the lawsuit along with the Kriegshauser Ney Law Group.” [Associated Press, [8/31/22](#)]

Hixon & Brown, Which Received \$30,000 From ADF In 2021, Co-Litigated A Case With ADF From 2011 To 2021 That Accused Planned Parenthood Of Medicaid Fraud

Hixon & Brown Received \$30,000 From ADF In 2021.

Hixson & Brown PC 160 S. 68th St. Ste. 1108 West Des Moines, IA 50266	06-1650752	30,000.
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Hixon & Brown, Co-Litigated A Case With ADF That Accused Planned Parenthood Of Intentionally Miscoding Abortion Services To Get Medicaid To Paid For Them. “A former clinic director failed to offer evidence that Planned Parenthood of the Heartland intentionally miscoded abortion-related services to get Medicaid to pay for them between 2006 and 2008, a federal appeals court held. The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a win Friday for the Iowa-based nonprofit, represented by Dentons, on the remnants of a False Claims Act lawsuit that the Alliance Defending Freedom and Hixson & Brown had filed in 2011 on behalf of Susan Thayer.” [Reuters, [9/12/21](#)]

- **The 8th Circuit Ruled Against ADF And Hixon & Brown In 2021.** “The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a win Friday for the Iowa-based nonprofit, represented by Dentons, on the remnants of a False Claims Act lawsuit that the Alliance Defending Freedom and Hixson & Brown had filed in 2011 on behalf of Susan Thayer.” [Reuters, [9/12/21](#)]

Smith Appellate Law Firm PLLC, Which Received \$28,042 From ADF In 2021, Worked With ADF To Protect A Potential Abortion Ban In Michigan And To Overturn The FDA’s Approval Of A Medication Abortion Drug

Smith Appellate Law Firm Received \$28,042 From ADF In 2021.

Smith Appellate Law Firm PLLC 1717 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Ste. 102 Washington, DC 20006	27-1423906	28,042.
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In April 2022, ADF And Smith Appellate Law Firm Filed A Motion That Aimed To Protect A Potential Abortion Ban Lifted By Michigan’s Governor That Would Be Valid If Roe Was Overturned. “ADF attorneys, along with counsel at The Smith Appellate Law Firm and Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge, filed the motion in the case, Whitmer v. Linderman. Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer filed the lawsuit—which seeks to invalidate a 91-year-old Michigan law that prohibits the providing of abortions—on the premise that the U.S. Supreme Court might overturn Roe v. Wade later this year.” [Alliance Defending Freedom, [4/22/22](#)]

Smith Appellate Law Firm Represented One Of The Plaintiff’s Attorneys In ADF’s Legal Opposition To The FDA’s Approval Of The Medication Abortion Drug Mifepristone.

ALLIANCE FOR HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE, ET AL.,
Plaintiffs-Appellees,
v.
U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, ET AL.,
Defendants-Appellants
and
DANCO LABORATORIES, LLC,
Intervenor-Appellant

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- **ADF Challenged The FDA Approval Of Mifepristone In November 2022 And A Federal Judge In Texas Sided With ADF In April 2023.** “In Texas, Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk, in a 67-page ruling, wrote that the FDA ‘exceeded its authority’ in approving

mifepristone, saying the agency used an accelerated approval process meant for drugs intended to treat 'life-threatening diseases' and because the drug does not provide a 'meaningful therapeutic benefit' for patients. [...] In November, Alliance Defending Freedom, a conservative legal advocacy group, challenged the FDA's 2000 approval of the drug, citing concerns from anti-abortion medical groups about mifepristone's safety and seeking an emergency ruling to pull approval of the drug nationwide." [Roll Call, [4/07/23](#)]

The Charlotte Lozier Institute, Which Received \$27,387 From ADF In 2021, Filed An Amicus Brief In Support Of ADF's Effort To Overturn The FDA's Approval Of A Medication Abortion Drug

The Charlotte Lozier Institute Received \$27,387 From ADF In 2021.

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The Charlotte Lozier Institute Filed An Amicus Brief In Support Of ADF's Case In Texas In Early 2023.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AMARILLO DIVISION

ALLIANCE FOR HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, ET AL.,

Defendants,

DANCO LABORATORIES, LLC,

Intervenor-Defendant.

BRIEF FOR AMICUS CURIAE
CHARLOTTE LOZIER INSTITUTE IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

[U.S. District Court For The Northern District Of Texas Amarillo Division Brief, [2/10/23](#)]

Legal Challenges To Mifepristone’s Approval Led To Contradictory Rulings, With One Federal Judge In Texas Moving To Overturn It And A Different Federal Judge In Washington Staying The Approval. “Two federal district judges issued dueling opinions Friday over the Food and Drug Administration’s approval and regulation of an abortion medication more than 20 years ago, adding confusion to a growing morass of abortion-related litigation resulting from last year’s Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade. In Texas, Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk, in a 67-page ruling, wrote that the FDA ‘exceeded its authority’ in approving mifepristone, saying the agency used an accelerated approval process meant for drugs intended to treat “life-threatening diseases” and because the drug does not provide a ‘meaningful therapeutic benefit’ for patients. [...] Shortly after that ruling, U.S. District Judge Thomas Rice in the Eastern District of Washington state ruled that the FDA should not change the status quo related to mifepristone.” [Roll Call, [4/07/23](#)]

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American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists - P.O. Box 395 - Eau Claire, MI 49111	23-7347367	501(c)(3)	25,000.
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Frontline Policy Council Claims To Be A Partner Of ADF. “Simply because our state currently has a pro-life majority and pro-life laws, it does not mean it will stay that way. The Dobbs decision does not guarantee one trajectory for the life movement. Any policy gains must be kept and vigilance must be enhanced. At Frontline, we are committed to bring the number of abortions to zero but also remaining in the pro-life fight so that it stays that way. In that effort, we are blessed by state allies, the FPC movement with currently 40 other state-based groups around the country doing similar work, and national-level partners like SBA List and Alliance Defending Freedom.” [The Church’s Moment, [12/2022](#)]

In 2021, Frontline Policy Council And ADF Commissioned A Poll About “Indoctrination” In Schools That Led To The Launch Of The Safeguard His Generation Project. “In the Fall of 2021 Frontline Policy Council in partnership with Alliance Defending Freedom commissioned a poll of parents, grandparents, and legal guardians across the state of Georgia to gauge attitudes toward public education in our state. Our polling found that 79% of parents,

grandparents, and legal guardians are concerned about indoctrination in our schools, including 65% of “non-religious” respondents. That’s why we launched the Safeguard His Generation project, to help identify and combat indoctrination when it happens.” [Safeguard His Generation, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

- **The Safeguard His Generation Project Is Concerned With Parental Rights In Schools Concerning “Anti-Religious Rhetoric, Sexually Explicit Material, Gender Identity Politics, And Concepts That Promoted Racial Division.”** “We used this polling data, as well as multiple 90 minute focus groups of parents, faith and community leaders, and students to identify issues of concern. Focus group participants—even those from highly rated school districts and those that have a good relationship with school administrators—shared significant concern about the curriculum in public schools. Problematic content included anti-religious rhetoric, sexually explicit material, gender identity politics, and concepts that promoted racial division. Polling data showed similar concerns.” [Safeguard His Generation, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

Frontline Policy Council And ADF Are Both Leaders In The Movement Of Right-Wing Religious Organizations Pushing For Voter Suppression Tactics In The Wake Of The 2020 Election. “As Trump tried to strong-arm state election officials to throw out the ballots of 11,780 Georgians and declare him the winner of the state’s 16 Electoral College votes, the Family Policy Alliance of Georgia sent a fundraising email to its supporters in December: ‘Election reform is coming to Georgia, and we are all in!’ [...] (The group has recently rebranded itself as the Frontline Policy Council.) [...] In early February, the Family Research Council’s president, Tony Perkins, led a discussion at the influential megachurch Cornerstone Chapel in Virginia with Michael Farris, a longtime conservative activist and now president of the Christian-right legal powerhouse Alliance Defending Freedom. Declaring election integrity ‘vital for our future,’ Farris claimed to have undertaken a ‘thorough study’ of the 2020 election and to have found “constitutional irregularities in many, many states,” particularly in those where the election was close.” [Vox, [9/28/21](#)]

The Religious Freedom Institute, Which Received \$11,430 From ADF In 2021, Works With ADF To Produce Discriminatory Model Legislation And Get It Passed At The State Level

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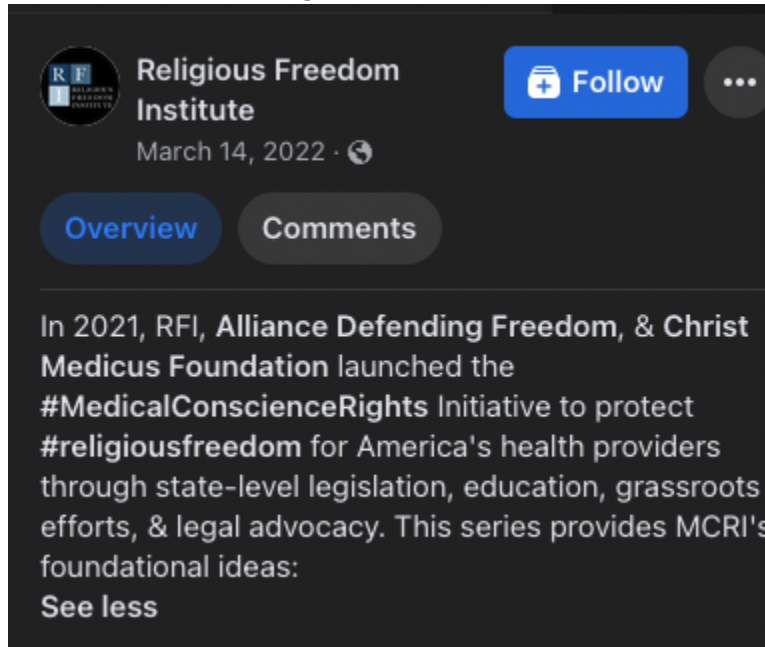
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The President Emeritus Of The Religious Freedom Institute, Thomas Farr, Is A Member Of The Advisory Council Of ADF’s International Division. “A PhD in History from the University of North Carolina, Farr is a senior fellow at the Institute for Studies of Religion at Baylor University. He serves as a consultant to the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference, and as a member of the advisory councils for the Human Rights Program at Catholic University, the international division of Alliance Defending Freedom, the Alexander Hamilton Society, and the National Museum of American Religion.” [Religious Freedom Institute, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

The Religious Freedom Institute, In A Coalition With ADF, Launched An Initiative In 2020 To Pass State-Level Discriminatory Legislation That Would Allow Medical Providers To Deny Services To LGBT Persons Or People Seeking An Abortion. “The Medical Conscience Rights Initiative (MCRI) is a joint effort launched in 2020 by the Religious Freedom Institute (RFI), Alliance Defending Freedom, and Christ Medicus Foundation to promote legislation on the state-level to protect America’s healthcare providers from mandates to perform voluntary procedures in violation of their conscience (e.g., abortion, physician assisted suicide, gender transition surgery, etc.)” [Religious Freedom Institute, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

- **A Social Media Post From The Religious Freedom Institute Claimed The Initiative Launched In 2021, Contradicting Their Website.**



[Facebook, [3/14/22](#)]

Laws Based On Model Legislation From ADF And The Religious Freedom Institute Has Passed In Three States Since The Initiative Began In 2020. “A key aspect of MCRI is model legislation that can serve as the foundation for state legislators seeking to take action in this area. Three states — Arkansas, Ohio, and South Carolina— have enacted versions of this model legislation. Similar efforts are ongoing in multiple other states.” [Religious Freedom Institute, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

- **The Southern Poverty Law Center Calls This Type Of Legislation a “License To Discriminate.”** “Additional speakers and sponsors at the summit that have ties to extremism and promote extremist ideologies include the Religious Freedom Institute, an organization that promotes ‘license to discriminate’ legislation in the U.S. that would allow doctors to refuse to treat transgender people or provide abortion care.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, [2/17/23](#)]

Spero Law LLC, Which Received \$8,608 From ADF In 2021, Supported ADF’s Efforts To Defend Anti-LGBTQ Policies

Spero Law LLC Received \$8,608 From ADF In 2021.

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Spero Law Filed An Amicus Brief In An ADF Case That Challenged Bans On Discriminatory Hiring Policies

In 2021, The Seattle-Based Organization Union Gospel Mission Filed A Supreme Court Petition Attempting To Overturn A Decision That Ruled Its Anti-LGBTQ Hiring Policy Was Not Exempt From A Washington State Anti-Discrimination Law. “The Seattle-based Christian organization filed a petition in August 2021, asking the Supreme Court to decide a case in which the Washington Supreme Court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, attorney Matt Woods, in March 2021. [...] The case started in 2017 when Woods sued the Union Gospel Mission when the nonprofit refused to hire him to its free legal aid clinic after he disclosed he was in a same-sex relationship. Prior to applying for a job with the Mission, Woods had volunteered there for years. The Mission, one of the largest homeless service providers in the Seattle area, argued that the state’s anti-discrimination law didn’t apply because it is a religious employer.” [Seattle Times, [3/22/22](#)]

ADF Represented Served As Union Gospel Mission’s Counsel Of Record In The Case.

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Spero Law Represented The General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, et al., Who Filed An Amicus Brief In Support Of ADF’s Client In 2021.

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Sep 02 2021	Brief amici curiae of General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, et al. filed.
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[U.S. Supreme Court Docket, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

The Supreme Court Refused To Hear Union Gospel Mission’s Case. “The U.S. Supreme Court announced Monday that it will not review a case involving Seattle’s Union Gospel Mission, which was sued in 2017 over its anti-LGBTQ+ hiring policy after it declined to hire a bisexual lawyer who applied for a job.” [Seattle Times, [3/22/22](#)]

Spero Law And ADF Attorneys Represented The Defendants In Boe v. Marshall, Who Aimed To Protect A Ban On Gender-Affirming Care In Alabama

Attorneys From Both ADF And Spero Law Served As Counsel For The Defendants In *Boe v. Marshall* In 2022.

Boe v. Marshall (2:22-cv-00184)

District Court, M.D. Alabama

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Boe v. Marshall Concerned An Alabama Which Banned Gender-Affirming Care To Teenagers And In Response Civil Rights Groups Sued To Overturn It. “On April 8, 2022, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey signed into law SB 184. The law directly targets transgender adolescents and their families by imposing criminal penalties on any individual, including parents and healthcare providers, who facilitate or provide essential medical care to transgender adolescents for the treatment of gender dysphoria. NCLR, SPLC (Southern Poverty Law Center), Human Rights Campaign Foundation, and GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders, along with co-counsel Lightfoot, Franklin, & White LLC, and King & Spalding LLP represent the plaintiffs – each of whom could face penalties under the law.” [National Center For Lesbian Rights, [4/08/22](#)]

- **The Case Is Set To Be Heard Before The Supreme Court In April 2024.** “Even though there is a pending appeal, the parties are continuing to move the case forward and prepare for trial, which is currently scheduled for April 2024.” [National Center For Lesbian Rights, [4/08/22](#)]

Spero Law And ADF Attorneys Served As Counsel To Groups That Filed Amicus Briefs In *Yeshiva University v. YU Pride Alliance*, A Case That Challenged A Court Order That Forced A University To Represent An LGBTQ Club

Attorneys From Both ADF And Spero Law Served As Counsel For Groups That Filed Amicus Briefs In Support Of The Plaintiffs in *Yeshiva University v. YU Pride Alliance*.

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Party name: Professor Douglas Laycock

Aug 30 2022	Motion for leave to file amicus brief filed by Professor Douglas Laycock.
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Sep 02 2022	Motion for leave to file amicus brief filed by Association of Classical Christian Schools, et al.
	Main Document Proof of Service

[U.S. Supreme Court Docket, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

In *Yeshiva University v. YU Pride Alliance*, Yeshiva University Sued In An Effort To Overturn A New York Trial Order That Forced The University To Recognize An LGBTQ Club On Campus. “Applicants Yeshiva University and its president seek emergency relief from a non-final order of the New York trial court requiring the University to treat an LGBTQ student group similarly to other student groups in its student club recognition process.” [Cornell Law School, [9/14/22](#)]

- **The Supreme Court Declined To Hear The Case.** “Emergency application for stay is denied on Sept. 14, 2022. Justice Alito, with whom Justices Thomas, Gorsuch, and Barrett join, dissents.” [SCOTUS Blog, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

McKenry Dancigers Dawson, Which Received \$6,449 From ADF In 2021, Is Co-Litigating A Case With ADF That Argued A Virginia School Board Violated State Laws By Firing A Teacher Who Refused To Use A Student's Preferred Pronouns

McKenry Dancigers Dawson PC Received \$6,449 From ADF In 2021.

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McKenry Dancigers Dawson And ADF Are Attorneys For The Plaintiff In *Vlaming v. W. Point Sch. Bd.* “Shawn Ashley Voyles, McKenry Dancigers Dawson PC, Virginia Beach, VA, Jonathan Caleb Dalton, Alliance Defending Freedom, Washington, DC, for Plaintiff.” [CaseText, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

The Plaintiff In *Vlaming v. W. Point Sch. Bd.* Sued The West Point School Board In Virginia After He Was Fired From His Job As A Public School Teacher For Refusing To Use A Student's Preferred Pronouns. “John A. Gibney, Jr., United States District Judge From 2012 to 2018, Peter Vlaming taught French at West Point Public Schools. During a class exercise in 2018, Vlaming referred to John Doe, a transgender male student, by female pronouns. Shortly thereafter, the West Point School Board (‘the School Board’) suspended Vlaming and ordered him to refer to Doe by male pronouns. When Vlaming refused, the School Board fired him.” [CaseText, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

- **McKenry Dancigers Dawson And ADF Argued The Plaintiff's Firing Violated The Virginia State Constitution And Other State Laws.** “Vlaming sued the School Board and three School Board members in their official capacities in the King William County Circuit Court, alleging that the School Board violated the Virginia Constitution and other state laws by firing him.” [CaseText, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]
- **McKenry Dancigers Dawson And ADF Appealed The Case To The Virginia Supreme Court In 2022.** “High school French teacher Peter Vlaming was fired from his job in West Point, Virginia for declining to refer to a female student with male pronouns even though he consistently accommodated the student by using the student's preferred name instead of the student's given name. Vlaming is suing the school board for violating his rights under the Virginia Constitution and Virginia law. ADF attorneys, along with allied attorney Shawn Voyles, appealed his case to the Virginia Supreme Court after the Circuit Court for the County of King William dismissed the case.” [Alliance Defending Freedom, [Accessed 6/12/23](#)]

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