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A nonpartisan and non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, Americans United is dedicated to preserving the constitutional principle of church-state separation and works to help Americans understand the vital role that separation of church and state plays in protecting the right of conscience for all.
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**COVER:**
AU Executive Director Barry Lynn Introduces our Protect Thy Neighbor campaign at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.
A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

In this line of work, it can be tempting to be discouraged by hate.

At Americans United, we hear over and over that women and LGBT people and religious minorities don't deserve civil rights—all because the Bible says so. As a minister, it’s especially hard for me to hear faith abused in this manner.

But there are moments that put everything right. June 26 was one such moment: On that day, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that bans on the marriages of same-sex couples violated the U.S. Constitution. It was a profoundly important day not just for the LGBT community, but for religious freedom advocates who understand that these bans were motivated by religion and thus violated the First Amendment.

The high court’s verdict was the culmination of years of hard work for AU and many of our coalition allies. Our legal team tirelessly attacked unconstitutional restrictions on LGBT rights; we filed dozens of friend-of-the-court briefs urging courts across the country to uphold the Constitution and reject these bans. Although we relished the victory, we knew the battle wasn’t over yet.

So the Legal, Legislative, Field and Communications Departments worked together to launch a bold new anti-discrimination campaign: Protect Thy Neighbor (PTN). PTN dedicates staff resources to fighting religiously-motivated discrimination. We lobby against discriminatory bills and fight them in court if they pass; we train activists to make a difference in their local communities; we educate the public about the real definition of religious freedom.

PTN is a natural extension of the work we’re already doing. Since it launched, we’ve successfully lobbied against a number of bills intended to undermine local anti-discrimination measures that protect LGBT people and others. We’ve also filed friend-of-the-court briefs in defense of these anti-discrimination laws – all efforts you’ll be able to read about later in this report.

Meanwhile, our indefatigable Development Department labored long and hard to raise the money we needed to fund PTN and our ongoing work on behalf of church-state separation.

As a result of all this hard work, we were a regular sight in the media in 2015. Staffers frequently appeared on MSNBC’s “Ed Show” and on CSPAN’s Washington Journal, in addition to “The Kelly File” on Fox News.

And as you may know, I also released my latest book, God & Government: Twenty-Five Years of Fighting for Equality, Secularism, and Freedom Of Conscience, last August. I had the privilege of touring cities around the country to discuss my book and the importance for fighting for real religious freedom. You may also have heard me on the radio: I appeared on NPR’s “Diane Rehm Show,” Interfaith Radio’s “Interfaith Voices” and Fox News Radio’s “Alan Colmes Show” among others.

The rest of this report will provide with a comprehensive look at our activities in 2015. I think as you read it you will feel the same sense of pride that I do: We owe these victories in large part to you and your support for AU.

I can’t wait to see what we accomplish together in 2016.
Communications

THE Supreme Court once again dominated headlines in 2015. This year, it’s because the justices issued a landmark LGBT rights ruling in June. Obergefell v. Hodges overturned state bans on same-sex marriage, handing LGBT activists – and religious freedom advocates – a significant victory. That ruling also created quite a bit of work for AU’s Communications Department.

On the day of the decision, some Communications staffers waited in front of the high court to speak to press, while others were back at the office issuing a press release welcoming the ruling. At the time, we warned that the Religious Right would defy the decision – and we were right.

An old AU nemesis, Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore (he who sparked an infamous legal battle over the display of a Ten Commandments monument in front of a state courthouse) only complicated the situation. Moore, a vehement opponent of LGBT rights, told Alabama probate judges they didn’t have to obey the nation’s highest court. This argument had no
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legal basis, but many probate judges listened to him and refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples despite the Supreme Court’s verdict.

So Communications staffers swung into action again and worked with AU’s legal team to create a series of newspaper ads notifying the people of Alabama that we were available to fight for their right to marry. The ads, which were duplicated online, worked: Our attorneys were able to locate clients. As a direct result of our efforts, our clients have since been able to marry. In addition, AU’s decision to place the ads became a story itself. Slate wrote about the ads, as did some other media outlets.

It became clear that the Religious Right wasn’t prepared to give up on its battle against marriage equality. The Communications team worked alongside the Legal, Legislative and Field Departments to devise a response. We prepared a new project, Protect Thy Neighbor (PTN), in anticipation of the Supreme Court’s Obergefell verdict and the Religious Right’s reaction to it. We hired a new Communications staffer, Kate Perelman, to organize digital strategy for the project. With her help, we officially launched PTN on July 7 during a press conference at the National Press Club.

Media attendance at the event was good, and stories appeared in Religion Dispatches, RH Reality Check, The Washington Times, The Christian Post and the Salt Lake City Deseret News. Since the launch of PTN, the Communications team has been hard at work promoting it to press outlets and on social media.

But marriage equality wasn’t the only church/state story this year. Communications staffers reached out to the media on important First Amendment battles over vouchers for religious schools, sectarian war memorials and proselytizing in public schools.

HERE ARE SOME MORE MEDIA SPOTLIGHTS FROM 2015:


As a result of these efforts, Lynn appeared on CSPAN’s “Washington Journal” to talk about the book for an entire hour. Although he was able to discuss the book in depth, some of the show’s viewers didn’t take kindly to his opinions. One man called in and ranted, “You should have the Holy Spirit beating you to death right now!” These bizarre statements led to coverage of the C-SPAN appearance on Raw Story, Crooks & Liars, the Ring of Fire blog and even Glenn Beck’s The Blaze.


SWIMMING AGAINST THE TIDE: AU FIGHTS ‘JESUS FISH’ IN MO. - AU’s Legal Department protested the appearance of an ichthus, the “Jesus fish” that’s often seen on the backs of cars, on a war memorial in Columbia, Mo. The Christian symbol was removed after AU’s complaint, but then someone, apparently without government sanction, put another one on the memorial. Alliance Defending Freedom, a Religious Right outfit, offered to represent the city if it left the ichthus uncovered.

The matter was covered extensively by the city’s two newspapers – the Columbia Daily Tribune and the Missourian – and by some right-wing blogs, which led AU to receive a deluge of irate emails. The Boone County Commission subsequently voted to remove the memorial, accepting that its display violated the First Amendment.

BAD (FIELD) TRIP: AU PUTS A STOP TO MONT. SCHOOL’S VISIT TO CREATIONIST ‘MUSEUM’ - In Glendive, Mont., officials at the local elementary school planned to send third-graders to a local creationist museum. The fundamentalist Christians who run the creationist attraction openly admitted that they preach to the kids who visit (as well as present bad science). A parent alerted AU’s Legal Department, and the school subsequently cancelled the trip.

Nevertheless, school officials were not happy with the outcome and grumbled that “outsiders” from Washington had meddled in their community. This story got picked up by the Associated Press, the Billings Gazette and the local weekly, the Glendive Ranger-Review.
TROUBLE IN OHIO: THE PLAY’S (NOT THE CONSTITUTIONAL) THING - In April, AU got wind that officials at a public high school in Willoughby, Ohio, planned to put on a performance of a religious play teaching that accepting God will lead one to heaven. When AU’s Legal Department contacted the school to express concerns about this matter, the school disassociated itself from the play.

This should have resolved the issue, but the Cleveland Plain Dealer played up the story and decided to make a fuss. The Plain Dealer even convened an editorial board roundtable to attack Americans United. The paper would only allow AU to respond in a short letter to the editor. The Associated Press and the Willoughby News-Herald also picked up the story.

AU LANDS ON RELIGIOUS RIGHT GROUP’S “BIGOTRY MAP” - In the spring of 2015, AU enjoyed the dubious distinction of being attacked by the American Family Association (AFA). The AFA listed AU and several AU chapters on a “bigotry map” it issued. The map, obviously modeled on the Southern Poverty Law Center’s map of hate groups, purported to list groups that espouse “anti-Christian” bigotry.

The AFA’s standard for determining which groups earned a spot on its map is still vague; the AARP even made an appearance! Because the map was so strange, it became fodder for writers. The Huntsville Times in Alabama mentioned AU, as did a columnist for Philadelphia Weekly and a columnist for New Now Next, an LGBT-themed site.

AU SAYS NO TAXPAYER FUNDS FOR PAPAL VISIT - Pope Francis’ visit in September led to several media mentions for Americans United. While AU did not oppose the pope coming here and being provided with things like security, we did note that no public funds could be spent on purely religious activities. AU’s Legal Department sent letters to officials in Philadelphia, New York and Washington, D.C., reminding them of this.

That didn’t deter everyone. City officials in Cape May, N.J., planned to sponsor a livestream of a papal mass. AU put a stop to that, leading to stories in the Press of Atlantic City, the Cape May Gazette, the Associated Press, Philly magazine and other outlets.

CROSS FLAP IN IOWA TOWN - An individual erected a cross in a Knoxville, Iowa, public park. He did so without permission from town officials, and those officials were reluctant to remove the cross. After being contacted by a town resident, AU’s Legal Department sent a letter to Knoxville officials about the matter.

Although AU didn’t intend to publicize the letter (hoping to resolve the matter outside of the media spotlight), it was leaked to a local reporter by someone in Knoxville.

Stories appeared in the Knoxville Journal-Express, the Des Moines Register and TV and radio stations in the area. The Associated Press picked up the story, and soon the national media was on the case. Before long, right-wing sites like Fox News and The Blaze were running stories. A rally in support of the cross drew about 1,000 attendees, leading to more stores in the Register and on local TV stations. The city eventually agreed to move the cross to private property.

2015 APPEARANCES ON Broadcast Media

Americans United staff members frequently appear on radio, television and web-based news and talk programs to discuss church-state developments.

The following timelines include many of the appearances since Jan. 1, 2015, by AU Executive Director Barry W. Lynn, Director of Communications Rob Boston, Assistant Director of Communications Simon Brown, and Communications Associate Sarah Jones.
**2015**

**MARCH**
- 11: Rob Boston on Sirius XM Radio’s “Tell Me Everything,” claims of persecution
- 26: Rob Boston on WMNF’s “Radioactivity,” vouchers

**MAY**
- 22: Sarah Jones on “The Rick Smith Show,” the Duggars and the religious right

**AUGUST**
- 13: Sarah Jones on Texas Radio Network, judge forces man to marry
- 18: Barry Lynn on Radio Or Not’s “Nicole Sandler Show,” God & Government book tour

**SEPTEMBER**
- 18: Barry Lynn on KIDO’s “Kevin Miller,” God & Government book
- 22: Rob Boston on WHNH’s “The Attitude with Arne Arneson,” Ben Carson’s comments on Islam

**OCTOBER**

**DECEMBER**
- 6: Barry Lynn on WCSX’s “Peter Werbe Show,” God & Government book
- 8: Barry Lynn on Sirius XM Radio’s “Tell Me Everything,” war on Christmas
- 12: Barry Lynn on NPR’s “All Things Considered,” religion in politics
- 14: Barry Lynn on NPR’s “All Things Considered,” secularism

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“We knew that no matter which way the court ruled, we’d need to call upon our activists to stand up and defend the wall of separation.”

IN 2015, AU’s Field team focused its efforts on strengthening our grassroots presence. This is important in any given year, but the Supreme Court’s pending marriage equality verdict lent a special urgency to Field’s work this year. We knew that no matter which way the court ruled, we’d need to call upon our activists to stand up and defend the wall of separation.

Of course, we know how the story ended: The Supreme Court handed us a major victory. But as expected, the Religious Right simply altered its tactics. We began seeing a spate of bogus “religious freedom” claims that were actually demands for legalized discrimination. Our attorneys and lobbyists fought this narrative in court and in state legislatures, and our Field team began working with Communications to provide our activists the information they needed to fight discrimination in their own communities.

The Field team held a webinar in May designed to help chapters use social media to their advantage. By the time AU launched
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Protect Thy Neighbor (PTN) in July, chapters were prepared to help promote the project. With Field’s guidance, chapters disseminated PTN graphics, blog posts and action alerts to their social media accounts and scheduled public events to educate the public about the project’s goals.

Field also helped chapter activists organize events for Barry Lynn’s book tour. Lynn released God & Government in August and immediately embarked on a national tour to promote it and its message of church/state separation. Several chapters organized events to host Lynn.

Staffers also organized the Annual Meeting for chapter activists. The event, which was headlined by our Person of the Year, Bishop John Shelby Spong, featured workshops on building sustainable chapters, renewing chapter leadership and earning media coverage of chapter events. Our Youth Advisory Council also delivered a presentation on youth outreach, and Douglas Ciampi received our Student Activist of the Year Award for helping end his public high school’s religious baccalaureate service.

In addition to these efforts, Field formulated a new charter for chapters. This charter is intended to strengthen our existing chapters and will help Americans United allocate organizational
resources in a more effective fashion. We’ll be working with chapters into 2016 to help them understand what the new charter means for them. And this charter is only one of the many ways our national Field office supports chapter activities. In 2015 alone, we sent out over 20,000 pieces of mail in response to requests for materials.

The Field team also underwent some personnel changes in 2015. Erin Hagen, formerly our field intern, took on a new role as field associate and began overseeing a renewed effort to reach students; we added 15 student affiliate groups last year. Beth Corbin, who worked in Field Department for 17 years and led it for 10, retired in October.

AMERICANS UNITED CHAPTERS HELD 105 EVENTS LAST YEAR. HERE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS:

January 17: The Orange County, Calif., chapter hosted a screening and discussion of the film "God Loves Uganda." The powerful documentary demonstrates how religious leaders in the United States were instrumental in getting Uganda leaders to pass legislation that criminalizes same-sex relations.

January 31: The Clay County, Fla., chapter hosted a program on the topic “A School Board Member And The War Against Public Education: Is There A Conflict of Interest?” presented by guest speaker Julie Delegal. Delegal, a writer and education advocate who lives in Jacksonville, is a lifelong Floridian and a graduate of the University of Florida. Since 2009, she has been a contributing writer for Folio Weekly, Jacksonville’s alternative weekly news magazine.

February 9: The Houston, Texas chapter held an event titled “The Bible in Texas Schools? Why Not?” Guest speakers were Ellery Schempp, the plaintiff in the landmark case where the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that requiring public school students to read the Bible in class was unconstitutional, and Southern Methodist University’s Mark Chancey, who has documented how Bible courses in Texas public schools are promoting certain religious perspectives over others.

March 23: The Massachusetts Chapter held its annual meeting with guest speaker Rob Boston, AU’s director of communications. Boston spoke on “Religious Freedom: What It Is and What It Is Not.” Douglas Ciampi, a senior at Oakmont Regional High School (Mass.), received their Religious Liberty Freedom Award. Working with AU’s support, he successfully challenged a 50-year tradition of a religious senior baccalaureate program. The School Committee unanimously changed the baccalaureate to a secular “evening of reflection.”

April 29: Leaders from the Great Plains Chapter in Kansas traveled to Topeka to participate in a protest and press conference against S.B. 175, an unnecessary student “religious freedom” bill. Other groups included: the American Civil Liberties Union, the Mainstream Coalition, Planned Parenthood and the National Organization for Women. The bill died later that day when the Speaker of the House did not bring it up for a vote.

September 3: The Delaware Valley, Pa., chapter hosted an event with guest speaker Dr. Christine Heyrman, American History professor at the University of Delaware. She spoke on the topic “The Founders' Dilemma: Managing Morals and Separating Church and State in the Early American Republic.” Heyrman is the author of several books and publications focusing on American history and church-state separation, and has received honors and awards from many prestigious groups and fellowships.


October 27: The Triad, N.C., chapter held a meeting with guest speaker Dr. Richard Groves, popular former pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church. He spoke on the topic “Is the United States a Christian nation?” Currently retired, Groves was pastor at the Wake Forest University campus chapel for 23 years. He has published books on religious liberty, and he is now an adjunct instructor at High Point University.
2015 as in 2014, AU’s Legislative team focused the bulk of its efforts on opposing attempts to redefine “religious freedom” as a license to discriminate. Even before the Supreme Court’s decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, state legislators began trying to find end-arounds to marriage equality by introducing a number of bills that could sanction discrimination against LGBT couples. And in many cases, the harm the bills could cause was even broader: they would permit denying women access to reproductive care and using taxpayer dollars to discriminate.

Americans United was a vocal critic of the dangerous “religious freedom” bills that grabbed national attention in Indiana, Arkansas and Georgia. These measures had little to do with real religious liberty; rather, they were designed to foster religion-based discrimination and give for-profit businesses the right to refuse to serve LGBT people. AU worked in coalitions with other national groups and local affiliates and chapters to support on-the-ground efforts and strategies to most effectively oppose these bills. In Georgia, AU was particularly active, providing key advice and analysis to advocates at the statehouse and legislators. Based on our collective efforts and in the face of national backlash, the bill died – a victory for real religious freedom.

**Legislative Advocacy**

**Legislative Action Alerts:**

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Above: AU Executive Director Barry Lynn meets with U.S. Representative Bobby Scott (D-Va.)
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These controversial "religious freedom" bills were state versions, though broader, of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). The federal RFRA was enacted in 1993 with the goal of protecting religious liberty, especially for religious minorities. The federal RFRA was broadly supported at the time, but since then RFRA (and related measures in the states) has been abused in ways its original proponents never imagined. So, following the controversy and backlash over the enactment of Indiana’s and Arkansas’s RFRA, U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.) and Senator Patti Murray (D-Wash.) each held a briefing for Capitol Hill staff and advocacy groups on the misuses of RFRA entitled, "Congress Examines RFRA: From Hobby Lobby to Indiana." AU Legislative staffers helped organize the briefings and our executive director, Barry Lynn, served as moderator.

In order to fight the growing idea that "religious freedom" gives people a right to thwart marriage equality for LGBT Americans, as well as deny women access to reproductive care and use taxpayer dollars to discriminate, Americans United launched Protect Thy Neighbor (PTN). Legislative Director Maggie Garrett heads the project and the Legislative team is fully engaged in fighting legislation and policies across the country that undermine true religious freedom.

As part of the project, Legislative staffers lobbied against state-level "religious freedom" bills like Indiana’s in addition to "marriage refusal" bills, which could allow public officials to refuse to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples or to solemnize their weddings. PTN’s broad anti-discrimination focus also incorporated efforts to oppose attempts to restrict reproductive rights in the name of religious freedom. Overall, PTN highlights a belief that informs every aspect of the Legislative team’s important work: that LGBT rights and women’s rights are religious freedom issues.

In the last year, the legislative team has engaged in a range of advocacy efforts, including leading meetings and strategy sessions with legislators and their staff as well as coalition partners from the religious liberty, LGBT rights, and reproductive rights and justice communities, crafting detailed legal analysis, and submitting legislative testimony. From January to the end of last year, the team also sent about 82 state and federal action alerts to AU members and activists. These action alerts had a demonstrable effect: For example, AU members and supporters sent more than 3,500 messages to members of Congress urging them to reject a proposal to include vouchers in an annual school funding bill. Legislative staffers were invited, based on their expertise and experience, to speak at conferences of allied organizations. They also spoke to chapters, as well as conducted trainings and outreach to chapter activists and other local allies.

HERE ARE A FEW MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM AMERICANS UNITED’S LOBBYING WORK:

'Religious Freedom’ Bills: Indiana’s RFRA received the most press, but 16 states in total introduced RFRAs this session and five of them were seriously considered. We actively opposed RFRA bills in each of those states. In Indiana, working with chapter leaders, Americans United opposed the bill as it made its way through the state Senate and House; Indiana Gov. Mike Pence (R) eventually signed it into law. After facing backlash, Pence asked the legislature to adopt a “fix” that would bar the law from being used to discriminate in some instances. Executive Director Barry Lynn signed letters to the state Senate and the governor explaining that the proposed “fix” did not go far enough as the bill could still allow religiously affiliated organizations to invoke the bill to trump non-discrimination laws and did nothing to protect women’s access to healthcare. In the end, Pence signed the “fix” into law, but that didn’t end debate on the definition of religious freedom or on discrimination.

In Arkansas, legislators approved a RFRA even broader than the federal version. Reacting to backlash, Governor Asa Hutchinson (R) instructed the legislature to amend the bill before he would sign it. The legislature then passed a RFRA that more closely mirrored the federal RFRA. Lynn sent a letter urging the State House and Hutchinson to reject the bill, but Hutchinson signed it into law.
Marriage Refusal Bills: Even prior to the Supreme Court’s ruling on marriage equality, many states introduced bills that would have allowed government employees and even for-profit businesses with objections to marriage equality to refuse services to same-sex couples. In 2015, 10 states introduced versions of these bills, and Americans United worked to oppose them. They came in a variety of different forms, all bad, but a Texas proposal was especially notable because it would have prohibited same-sex couples from receiving marriage licenses and would have penalized any state employee who did issue a license. AU sent a letter opposing this measure and thankfully, it did not advance.

Louisiana legislators introduced a similarly bad bill. Americans United submitted testimony to a committee hearing on the bill; the committee voted not to take up the bill. Hours later, however, Governor Bobby Jindal (R) issued an executive order based on the bad bill. In North Carolina, legislators passed a bill that allows magistrates to refuse solemnize any marriage based on a religious objection. Gov. Pat McCrory (R) vetoed the measure, due in part to the public outcry, but the legislature overrode his veto and the law went into effect.

Faith-Based Initiatives: On August 6, nine federal agencies proposed modifications to their regulations governing partnerships between the government and faith-based social service organizations. The proposed rules set forth religious-liberty safeguards and will better ensure the government does not fund religion and that there is no religious discrimination in these taxpayer-funded programs. As chair of the Coalition Against Religious Discrimination (CARD), Americans United analyzed each of the proposed rules and drafted detailed public comments for each agency—an immense undertaking. We garnered support for the CARD comments by 30 other groups, which we submitted to each agency on October 5. We also drafted separate comments from AU.

Taking On Religious Discrimination: In August, AU led the effort to send a letter to President Barack Obama, asking him to direct the attorney general to instruct the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) to review and reconsider its legal opinion that misinterprets RFRA. Under the opinion, taxpayer-funded organizations can ignore some statutes prohibiting discrimination and discriminate in hiring with federal funds. We drafted the letter and conducted outreach to other organizations. In the end, 130 national organizations signed the letter. We will continue outreach to the administration with the hope that the OLC opinion will eventually be rescinded.

Vouchers: Although the Legislative Department’s focus was on the Protect Thy Neighbor project and fighting legislation that would sanction discrimination under the guise of religious freedom, the team also achieved success in its work against private school vouchers. As co-chairs of the National Coalition for Public Education (NCPE), AU coordinated many efforts to oppose private school vouchers at the national level this year.

We worked with our allies to run a social media campaign in January to combat “National School Choice Week,” and counter pro-voucher rhetoric. In January, we also began to fight efforts to include vouchers and Title I portability (a scheme that would let federal education funds designated for schools that serve high concentrations of students living in poverty to follow the student, rather than be given to schools and districts) in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. We worked with NCPE and congressional staff, coordinating strategy, outreach and advocacy, to ensure that the legislation did not include any such provisions. As a result, four amendments to add vouchers were voted down, and a Title I portability provision was stripped out of the legislation before it was enacted.

We also worked to oppose the reauthorization of Washington, D.C.’s voucher program. We worked closely with staff from the offices of D.C. City Councilmembers, the office of Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) and congressional committees to develop a strategy to stop the reauthorization. As a result of our advocacy, the legislation, which was a high priority for some leaders in the House of Representatives, has been stalled indefinitely in the Senate. In addition to these efforts, we worked with national groups and local advocates, including AU members, to oppose dangerous voucher bills in their state legislatures.
Legal Advocacy

AU’s Legal Department sponsors direct litigation and also files friend-of-the-court briefs, either alone or in conjunction with our allies.
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Our legal team worked for years to overturn bans on marriage by same-sex couples. By the time the Supreme Court decided Obergefell, our attorneys had filed friend-of-the-court briefs in numerous cases, arguing that the bans were based on religious dogma, not sound policy, and therefore violated the First Amendment.

The Supreme Court handed the Religious Right a major loss with Obergefell. But the movement isn’t giving up easily. In Alabama, for example, State Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore ordered the state’s probate judges not to issue licenses to same-sex couples. (We previously defeated Moore in federal court when he attempted to place a giant Ten Commandments monument in the rotunda of the Alabama state judicial building.) Our legal team understood that Moore would be just one of many officials to attempt to block marriage equality.

In the wake of the Obergefell verdict, therefore, Americans United had to respond to public officials who refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. In order to combat this growing threat to the wall of separation, our attorneys worked alongside other departments to launch Protect Thy Neighbor (PTN), Americans United’s newest project.

PTN concentrates legal resources in the fight against discrimination, in conjunction with lobbying efforts and grassroots advocacy. Under the PTN banner, our legal team sent letters to all 50 state attorneys general, reminding them that government officials have no constitutional right to refuse to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples or to refuse to perform the weddings of same-sex couples. But some officials have stubbornly refused to obey the law.

Roughly one month after the court made marriage equality the law of the land, Rowan County, Ky., clerk Kim Davis announced that she would not issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Davis also ordered her deputy clerks not to issue the licenses in her stead. The affair swiftly became national news, and Davis spent five days in jail for violating a court order to adhere to Obergefell. Our attorneys worked with the ACLU of Kentucky to compel Davis to obey the law, filing a friend-of-the-court brief in the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in opposition to Davis’s dogmatic attack on marriage equality.

Davis wasn’t the only threat to marriage equality. Across the country, some for-profit business owners are claiming that providing services for the weddings of same-sex couples violates their religious-freedom rights. Many states and municipalities have banned discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation. Business owners who oppose LGBT rights have demanded exemptions from these laws, arguing that their personal religious beliefs should take precedence over secular law. AU sees their demands as a blatant attempt to chip away at a major victory for civil rights. That’s exactly why we launched PTN. We represented couples who were the victims of discrimination and also filed friend-of-the-court briefs in several discrimination cases as part of PTN last year; most concerned wedding venues, florists, and other wedding vendors. Our attorneys expect these efforts to continue well into 2016 and beyond as the Religious Right continues to try to fight marriage equality.
AU IN THE COURTS:

**Strawser v. Strange:** Several same-sex couples challenged Alabama's marriage-equality ban in federal district court and obtained a ruling in January 2015 declaring the marriage bans unconstitutional and forbidding the state's attorney general to enforce them. But the Alabama State Supreme Court, under the leadership of Chief Justice Roy Moore, issued a ruling prohibiting other state officials from granting marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

AU represented several same-sex couples who were denied the opportunity to marry as a result of Roy Moore's directives that local officials should ignore Obergefell. In conjunction with the ACLU, the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and the Southern Poverty Law Center, we convinced the federal court to certify our case as a class-action lawsuit and to issue an injunction superseding the state supreme court's order.

**Duncan v. Nevada:** In June 2015, the Nevada governor signed into law S.B. 302, which created the Education Savings Account Program, a state voucher program. This program allows parents to apply to have money from the state's public-school fund deposited into an Education Savings Account to pay for their child's education at a religious private school or to purchase religious homeschooling materials.

In August 2015, AU joined with the national ACLU and the ACLU of Nevada to file suit on behalf of several Nevada residents. Our lawsuit argues that the program violates the Nevada Constitution, which bars any public funding from being "used for sectarian purpose[s]."

**ACLU of New Jersey v. Hendricks:** In April 2013, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's administration approved two publicly funded grants to religious institutions of higher education. Beth Medrash Govoha, an orthodox Jewish rabbinical school located in Lakewood, and Princeton Theological Seminary, a Presbyterian Christian seminary in Princeton, are slated to receive more than $11 million collectively from the state.

In June 2013, we joined the ACLU of New Jersey and the national ACLU in filing a lawsuit to stop the state from awarding these taxpayer-funded grants to the seminaries, arguing that the two grants violate provisions of the New Jersey Constitution that prohibit the use of taxpayer funds to support religious education.

In 2015, we briefed this case before a New Jersey appellate court, after the trial court transferred the case there without a ruling.

**Williamson v. Brevard County:** The Brevard County (Fla.) Board of Commissioners has long opened its meetings with religious invocations delivered by volunteers. Between May 2014 and July 2015, a number of humanists, atheists and agnostics requested the opportunity to deliver a secular invocation at a Board meeting, but the Board refused, saying that a secular invocation would "disrespect . . . the beliefs of our faith-based community." On July 7, 2015, the Board adopted a formal policy limiting invocations to "traditional faith-based" content.

We filed suit. Joined by the ACLU and the Freedom From Religion Foundation, we argued that the policy adopted by the Board violates the U.S. and Florida Constitutions, both of which prohibit the Board from discriminating against our clients on the basis of their beliefs.

**LaRue v. Douglas County School District:** The Douglas County (Colo.) Board of Education created a "Pilot Choice Scholarship Plan," through which the Douglas County School District has authorized 500 students to use state funds to cover tuition costs at private, religious schools. In June 2011, Americans United (joined by the national ACLU and the ACLU of Colorado) filed a lawsuit in Colorado state court challenging the voucher plan. We argued that the plan violated provisions of the state constitution prohibiting the use of public funds for religious education.

In June of this year, the Colorado State Supreme Court ruled in our favor, holding that the plan did indeed violate the state constitution. The county and the school district have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review that decision.

**Morgan v. Martinez:** New Jersey resident Shannon Morgan, an atheist, attempted to register for an "8THEIST" vanity license plate on the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's website. Her request was rejected on the ground that it was "objectionable." She then entered "BAPTIST" as a proposed plate; the website deemed that acceptable.

In April 2014, we filed a lawsuit on Morgan's behalf in federal court in New Jersey. Our complaint alleged that the commission is discriminating against atheists and atheist-themed license plates, in violation of the U.S. Constitution's Establishment Clause, Free Exercise Clause, Free Speech Clause, and Equal Protection Clause. In May 2015, a federal court ruled that the case may proceed.

**University of Notre Dame v. Burwell:** The University of Notre Dame filed suit in 2013 to block the Affordable Care Act's contraception regulations—as have several other religiously affiliated universities and other institutions. Notre Dame had already received a religious exemption from providing contraception coverage in insurance plans for students and staff. According to the terms set forth by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, a third-party insurer will provide the contraception coverage
at no cost to Notre Dame if the university simply asks for the exemption. But the university contends that requesting the exemption would itself violate the university's religious-freedom rights because, the university argues, making the request still facilitates provision of contraceptive coverage.

FRIEND OF THE COURT BRIEFS:

AMERICANS UNITED ATTORNEYS OFTEN FILE AMICUS ("FRIEND-OF-THE-COURT") BRIEFS IN CASES IN WHICH WE DO NOT DIRECTLY REPRESENT PARTIES. HERE ARE SOME OF THE NOTEWORTHY AMICUS BRIEFS THAT WE FILED OR THAT RESULTED IN RULINGS IN 2015:

*Stormans Inc. v. Wiesman:* The Washington State Board of Pharmacy adopted regulations in July 2007 requiring pharmacies to dispense lawfully prescribed drugs while allowing individual pharmacists to have a colleague fill a prescription if they themselves object to filling it for religious or moral reasons. Two pharmacists and a corporate pharmacy brought a lawsuit challenging the regulations, claiming that the regulations violate their religious-freedom rights.

In March 2008 and September 2012, we filed amicus briefs in support of the regulations, arguing that pharmacies do not have a religious-freedom right to refuse to stock certain medications. In July 2015, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed and upheld the regulations.

*Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia v. Pauley:* The Missouri Department of Natural Resources Solid Waste Management Program awards competitive grants to qualifying organizations to purchase recycled tire rubber, which is used to resurface playgrounds. Trinity Lutheran Child Center, a religious preschool operated by Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, applied to participate in the grant program in early 2012. In May 2012, the state denied its application under a clause in the Missouri state constitution that prohibits public aid to religious schools.

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*Kaplan v. St. Peter's Healthcare System:* The Employee Retirement Income Security Act regulates employee-benefit plans to protect the interests of employees who participate in the plans. To avoid undue governmental intrusion in church affairs, ERISA provides an exemption for plans established by churches. Some non-church entities have begun to claim this exemption.

St. Peter’s Healthcare System is among them. It’s a network of hospitals affiliated with the Catholic Church, but it has a large number of employees whose duties are purely secular. By claiming a church exemption, St. Peter’s is able to offer employees a subpar benefit plan. In 2013, employees filed a class action against the hospital system. We filed a friend-of-the-court brief on their behalf in May 2015, arguing that St. Peter’s fulfills secular functions and cannot use a church exemption to deny employees adequate benefits. In December 2015, a federal appellate court rejected St. Peter’s claims.

*Hassan v. City of New York:* After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the New York City Police Department began a surveillance program targeting Muslim communities in New York City and the surrounding areas. The surveillance extended to Muslims in New Jersey, and included mosques, private schools, Muslim-owned businesses, and at least one Muslim student group. The program continued undiscovered for more than a decade, until it was exposed in 2011 by the Associated Press.

In October 2012, a group of Muslims and organizations that had been targeted for surveillance filed suit against the city, alleging violations of their rights under the Equal Protection, Free Exercise, and Establishment Clauses of the U.S. Constitution. In July 2014, we filed an amicus brief in support of the plaintiffs, arguing that the city had indeed violated their religious-freedom rights by singling them out based on their religious affiliation. In October 2015, a federal appellate court ruled that the conduct alleged by the plaintiffs, if true, is unconstitutional.

*Lund v. Rowan County:* The Rowan County Board of Commissioners opens its public meetings with an invocation given by one of the Commissioners. Ninety-seven percent of these invocations are explicitly Christian, and Commissioners direct the audience to participate in the prayers. Long-time residents of Rowan County, who are non-Christian and feel coerced to participate in the Board’s prayers, filed suit, arguing that the County’s prayer practice violates the Establishment Clause.

In October 2015, AU filed an amicus brief in support of the plaintiffs, arguing that Rowan County’s prayer practice violates the Establishment Clause because it discriminates against religious minorities, coerces citizens into unwanted religious exercise, and advances a particular faith.
Americans United is governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees. The Board meets formally three times each year to deal with issues of internal governance. Members serve three-year terms and are eligible for reelection for additional terms. A larger body, the National Leadership Council, consists of activists who advise AU on issues and policy.
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Revenue Breakdown

- Contributions: 56.6%
- Bequests: 25.8%
- Legal Settlements: 21%
- Net Investment Losses: -12.3%
- Trust and Foundation Grants: 7%
- Other Income: 1.7%
- Gift Annuity Income: 0.2%

TOP: Excerpts from an AU Infographic, "Fiscal Year 2015 By The Numbers"
## Statement Of Financial Position

### Assets

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## Statement of Activities

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Change in Net Assets before other items                                     |

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