

# Anti-LGBT Legal Groups Fact Sheet

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an initiative by the National LGBT Bar

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

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

## ADF Snapshot

Founded **1994**

Annual Budget [**2016**]

- Expenses **\$48 M**
- Revenue **\$51.7 M**

Legal Strength

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

## PRO BONO RESOURCES

**1 million pro bono hours  
equaling \$211M + in services**

Founders include

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

## Liberty Counsel Snapshot

Founded **1989**

Founder **Mathew D. Staver**

Annual Budget [**2015**]

- Expenses **\$5.3M**
- Revenue **\$5.6M**

Tagline

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

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

## Family Formation and Marriage Equality

- **Miller v. Jenkins**, 2009 Liberty Counsel represented a gestational mother against her former same-sex partner in Virginia, seeking to overturn a Vermont-issued joint custody decree.
- **Hobbs v. Mullen**, 2011 ADF and Liberty Counsel each represented amicus curiae in Ohio Supreme Court case, asserting that a lesbian mother who sought shared custody of the child she had jointly raised with her former partner lacked parental rights.
- **Hollingsworth v. Perry**, 2013 ADF represented Proposition 8 proponents in federal lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the California anti-marriage equality proposition.
- **Harris v. Millennium Hotel**, 2014 ADF represented amicus curiae Christian policy group in opposing a death benefit claim filed with the Alaska Worker's Compensation Board by the decedent's same-sex partner, asserting that the death benefit statute granted benefits only to the worker's legal widow or widower.
- **Obergefell v. Hodges**, 2016 ADF and the State of Alabama filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court opposing federal constitutional recognition of marriage equality.

## Schools

- **Diaz v. Bloomberg**, 2003 Liberty Counsel challenged New York City's effort to expand the two-decade-old Harvey Milk High School, a public school for LGBTQ youth.
- **Citizens for a Responsible Curriculum v. Montgomery County Public Schools**, 2005 Liberty Counsel opposed public school district's health education curriculum, which included anti-bullying components and discussion of non-discrimination laws protecting LGBTQ students.
- **G.G. v. Gloucester County School Board**, 2017 Liberty Counsel submitted amicus brief in federal appellate case, opposing the right of a transgender student to access school bathroom facilities consistent with his gender identity, alleging that recognition of gender identity would sanction an “ideology rooted in serial sexual abuse of infants and children....”

## Reproductive Freedom

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

## “Religious Refusals” and Public Accommodations

- **Elane Photography v. Willock**, 2013 ADF represented New Mexico photographer who refused to provide services for a same-sex wedding on the ground that she only offered services for “traditional weddings.”
- **Miller v. Davis**, 2015 Liberty Counsel represented Rowan County, KY Court Clerk Kim Davis, who refused to allow her office to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples after *Obergefell*, based on her personal religious belief.
- **Cervelli v. Aloha Bed & Breakfast**, 2018 ADF represents Hawai'i-based B&B owner who refused service to a lesbian couple based on religious belief.
- **Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission**, 2018 ADF represented a cake baker, asserting that owners of places of public accommodation may refuse creative services to same-sex couples on the basis of the owner's religious belief.
- **Arlene's Flowers litigation**, 2018 ADF represents florist who refused to provide floral services for a same-sex wedding, based on religious belief.

