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A Message from Mat Staver, our Founder and Chairman

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDER GETS SHARP REBUKE BY FEDERAL COURT

A federal judge has issued a sharp rebuke to President Obama's Attorney General, Eric Holder, dismissing his politically motivated suit designed to silence a pro-life counselor. When the suit was filed in 2010, Liberty Counsel came to the defense of Susan Pine. We stated then the suit had no merit and vowed to stop the Attorney General from intimidating pro-lifers. Every American needs to know more about Eric Holder's shocking political agenda.

A federal judge has ended Attorney General Eric Holder's two-year political prosecution of pro-life counselor Susan Pine. Holder accused Susan of obstructing the entrance to an abortion clinic, in violation of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act ("FACE").

Holder sought thousands of dollars in fines against Susan, as well as a permanent injunction banning her from counseling women on the public sidewalk outside the West Palm Beach Presidential Women's Center ("PWC") abortion clinic, where she has peacefully ministered for over 20 years.

Ruling in our favor, Judge Kenneth L. Ryskamp wrote that "the evidence could not lead a rational jury to find that Ms. Pine's conduct [i.e., having peaceful conversations with clinic visitors on a public

sidewalk] constituted a physical obstruction within the meaning of FACE." He also concluded that the government lacked evidence to prove not just one, but "all three elements

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Liberty Counsel has confronted Attorney General Eric Holder (shown at top right over an image of the Department of Justice [DOJ] headquarters building in Washington, D.C.) in several intense court battles since his appointment as President Barack Obama's top law enforcement official in 2009. When the Obama administration's DOJ began an aggressive attempt to intimidate pro-life counselors nationwide as part of its pro-abortion agenda, a groundless accusation was filed against our client, Susan Pine (top left), relating to her longtime counseling ministry at a Florida abortion clinic. Liberty Counsel Senior Litigation Attorney Harry Mihet (top center) successfully represented Ms. Pine against false charges of obstructing access to the "clinic." Liberty Counsel's pro-life advocacy won a tremendous victory in this case, and we are more resolved than ever to support all legal expressions of pro-life sentiment, such as the prayer protest of Planned Parenthood's new mega-clinic in Houston, Texas (bottom right). Liberty Counsel's most significant current clash with Attorney General Holder is over the pro-death, unconstitutional ObamaCare law, which will be argued at the U.S. Supreme Court on March 26-28. Founders Mat and Anita Staver address the national media when important cases come before the Court (bottom left).

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of its FACE claim.”

Judge Ryskamp chastised Holder for seeking to apply federal law in a clearly unconstitutional manner: “Stretching the terms of FACE to apply to this case...so that a desire to provide people with information about alternatives to abortion constitutes an unlawful motive, would unjustifiably impinge on Ms. Pine’s First Amendment rights.”

The Government’s decision to prosecute, despite having no evidence of wrongdoing, prompted Judge Ryskamp to suspect a conspiracy at the highest level of the Obama administration: “The Court is at a loss as to why the Government chose to prosecute this

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particular case in the first place,” he wrote. “The Court can only wonder whether this action was the product of a concerted effort between the Government and the PWC, which began well before the date of the incident at issue, to quell Ms. Pine’s activities rather than to vindicate the rights of those allegedly aggrieved by Ms. Pine’s conduct.”

In 1994, when Bill Clinton signed the FACE bill into law, Liberty Counsel filed suit against it in the case of *Cheffer v. Reno*. The federal court of appeals ruled then that for FACE to apply without violating the First Amendment, the Government would have to show “force or threat of force” to obstruct passage to a reproductive healthcare clinic.

Despite this precedent and the lack of any “force or threat of force,” Holder filed suit anyway in the first such FACE case ever filed in Florida. Holder thought he could simply intimidate pro-lifers into silence. Holder was wrong!

President Obama has been the most pro-abortion President in history. He used the Department of Justice with Holder as the Attorney General to file politically motivated suits in 2010 to silence pro-lifers under the FACE law. Susan learned in August 2010 that she was sued by the nation’s highest law enforcement agency, the United States Department of Justice. We immediately came to her defense.

The suit alleged that Susan walked in front of a car, causing it to temporarily stop, on November 19, 2009, one year prior to the suit. Holder alleges that the car temporarily stopped and then continued on after the driver rolled down the window and took a pamphlet from Susan.

Holder alleged this conduct was “illegal” and that, if not “restrained,” Susan would continue to commit “illegal acts.”

The day after the alleged incident, the Department of Justice met with the abortion clinic officials. Even though the abortuary has surveillance of the entrance, the clinic destroyed

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the tapes for this day. A year later, Holder filed suit, ironically on the same day twenty years prior that Susan had an abortion which changed her life!

Attorney General Holder abused his position of power to advance his political pro-abortion agenda. When an Attorney General brings the weight of the United States Department of Justice against anyone, the suit must be supported by the facts and the law and not be motivated by politics. It is a serious matter to be sued by the highest law enforcement agency of the most powerful nation on earth. Holder has violated his position of trust to head the Department of Justice!

Had Liberty Counsel not intervened to stop this pro-abortion political agenda designed to silence pro-lifers, Susan would have been helplessly beaten up by Holder’s office and fined \$10,000! She would have been prevented from ever returning to this death camp in West Palm Beach, where she has saved many lives.

Eric Holder should resign as Attorney General. On the one hand he allowed the scandalous “Fast and

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Furious” illegal gun-running operation, which resulted in the death of a law enforcement agent. And, on the other hand, he files frivolous lawsuits against innocent pro-lifers to placate his pro-abortion friends. This is a travesty of justice. We are proud to stand with Susan Pine and other pro-life counselors to stop this out-of-control Department of Justice.

Since the tragedy of her own abortion, Susan has faithfully ministered to women and families headed down the same path of destruction she experienced two decades ago. Earlier this year, Susan sent us a message which reminds all of us why this battle for life is critically important.

The subject line of her email said it all: “We saved a life today!”

Thank you for prayers and financial support. We are committed to protecting the pre-born and all who stand with them. *Without you, Susan would have been left to defend herself against the powerful resources of the Department of Justice. But with your help, David beat Goliath one more time!* ✚



Mathew D. Staver, who founded Liberty Counsel along with his wife, Anita, in 1989, serves as the organization’s Chairman. A leading constitutional attorney, widely read author, and sought-after speaker and cultural apologist, he also serves as Dean of the Liberty University School of Law and as Chairman of Liberty Counsel Action. Staver is among the core leaders of a national effort to rebuild the conservative movement in America.

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Those who oppose us, like the ACLU, are determined to use the law for destructive purposes. That group and others have amassed a veritable army of lawyers and communicators, whom we must combat on a daily basis. *But we know that God can accomplish far more good with far fewer people and resources than our adversaries have.* We praise Him for the terrific interns He brings us every year that He uses to multiply our successes!

Again in 2012, as in many previous years, we are renewing our efforts to reach and train students who will use the law for His

purposes. Please commit to pray for the continued success of this vital internship program. Through your prayer and support, you can help us win the culture war and return America to the Judeo-Christian values that were the foundation of our great nation! ✚

Anita L. Staver, Liberty Counsel’s President, cofounded the ministry in 1989 along with her husband, Mat. Anita is a member of the bars of the state of Florida and the District of Columbia. She is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, every federal court of appeals in the nation, and six federal district courts.



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We are pleased to announce that the launch of Liberty Ambassador Counsel and its inaugural trip to Israel was such a great success that we are convening another select group for a return trip in May!

Please mark your calendar for May 19-28, 2012, for a tour of the Holy Land, along with very special briefings from Israeli political, military, and academic leaders.

Now is the perfect time for a memorable journey that will strengthen your Christian faith and equip you to be an ambassador of goodwill for Israel.

This is not just another tour – this program is unparalleled in scope. Not only will we tour the biblical sites, but we will also have behind-the-scenes access to key Israeli governmental and cultural groups and their leaders.

This will be an unbelievable experience you won’t want to miss! Will you join us in Israel as part of this select group of Ambassadors on May 19-28, 2012? For more information, visit <http://www.ducartours.com/?p=904>

From Anita Staver, President

WINNING AMERICA'S CULTURE WAR BY RAISING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WARRIORS



His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. — Luke 1:50

Any logical plan to positively impact our culture must include a long-term strategy. *A successful plan must include identifying, equipping, and empowering the next generation of culture warriors.*

Our best chance for turning back the tide of moral decay in our legal system lies with those who will take up the strategies that we have started. This is the reason we are passionate about Liberty Counsel's internship program. In fact, my optimism rises each time I see a new crop of interns, who bring with them a real surge of enthusiasm!

Although Liberty Counsel trains the largest number of students during

the summer (between 20 and 30), the program operates throughout the year in Lynchburg, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. We have found that this continuous program is the best way to have the right kind of attorneys and other leaders to push back the

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radical agenda that threatens America's very existence.

We have programs designed for undergraduate and graduate college students, as well as for law students. Law students in our Virginia office gain practical experience under the direct supervision of Liberty Counsel's litigation attorneys. While most of the students' work has centered on research and legal writing for our cases, they have also helped gather evidence for our cases and have interviewed potential clients.

For students who want to work in our nation's capital, our office in Washington, D.C., provides plenty of hands-on experience in public policy. While there is more than

enough work involved in monitoring the radical agenda of the current administration, interns also attend important strategy meetings and help develop legal memos and talking points for a variety of important legislative initiatives.

Some college students who have an interest in legal issues work in our Media Department in Virginia, under the supervision of our Communications Director. Their activities include monitoring websites and blogs, researching topics, and drafting scripts for our daily *Freedom's Call* radio program and press releases.

Yet other students have the opportunity to assist with our daily *Faith & Freedom* radio program, which is also videotaped in our studio, distributed to radio stations, and posted on *YouTube*. Some have used their creative skills to communicate values through various media outlets. They plan, tape, and appear in videos about issues such as students' rights in public school or promote projects like the *Day of Purity*.

We take our God-given opportunity to train and mentor these interns very seriously. Other than Divine intervention, the next generation is the best hope for restoring America's morality, an understanding of the Constitution, and the rule of law.

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