

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE QUESTIONING ISLAM (OR WHO MAY HAVE BEEN TARGETED BY ISLAMIC LAWFARE)

If you are an employer or a business who has been targeted by or negatively affected by Muslim demands, your first stop should be to contact your local legal advisor for assistance as that person or firm will have the best command of local laws and jurisprudence. Because this is a relatively new area of the law, your legal professional may seek guidance from one or more of the resources listed here. On a national level, several organizations have geared up to combat the threat of sharia-inspired “lawfare” and intimidation, and are listed below.

1) The Legal Project

<http://www.legal-project.org/>

The Middle East Forum has established the Legal Project to protect researchers and analysts who work on the topics of terrorism, terrorist funding, and radical Islam from lawsuits designed to silence their exercise of free speech.

The Legal Project works in four distinct ways to counter the Islamist threat

- 1) Fundraising for an Escrow account to supplement the court costs and litigation fees for victims of Islamist lawfare - all funds raised go directly to lawfare victims,
- 2) Arranging for pro bono and reduced rate counsel for victims of Islamist lawfare,
- 3) Maintaining an international network of attorneys dedicated to working pro bono in the defense of free speech and,
- 4) Raising awareness about the issue. Efforts include briefings by legal experts on how to avoid libelous statements, and consultations with libel lawyers before publishing on certain topics.

2) The American Freedom Law Center

<http://www.americanfreedomlawcenter.org/>

The American Freedom Law Center (AFLC) fights for faith and freedom by advancing and defending America's Judeo-Christian heritage and moral foundation through litigation, education, and public policy programs.

Litigation

AFLC prosecutes cases to advance and defend religious liberty, freedom of speech, the sanctity of human life, and the traditional family.

AFLC crafts litigation to promote limited government, a renewed federalism, and a strong national defense, which includes the right of private citizens to bear arms.

AFLC engages the enemy with offensive "lawfare" to defend our national sovereignty and to fight stealth jihad in all of its forms.

3) American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ)

<http://aclj.org/get-legal-help>

The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) and its globally affiliated organizations are committed to ensuring the ongoing viability of freedom and liberty in the United States and around the world.

By focusing on U.S. constitutional law, European Union law and human rights law, the ACLJ and its affiliated organizations are dedicated to the concept that freedom and liberty are universal, God-given and inalienable rights that must be protected.

The ACLJ and its worldwide affiliates engage in litigation, provide legal services, render advice to individuals and governmental agencies, as well as counsel clients on global freedom and liberty issues. They also support training law students from around the world in order to protect religious liberty and safeguard human rights and dignity.

As a non-profit organization, the ACLJ does not charge for its services and is dependent upon God and the resources He provides through the time, talent, and gifts of people who share our concerns and desire to protect our religious and constitutional freedoms.

The attorneys who work with the ACLJ are some of the foremost legal experts on freedom of speech, religious freedom, and human rights law in the world. We have drawn upon their expertise to create a one-of-a-kind repository of legal briefs and information focused on these issues.

4) The Thomas More Law Center

<http://www.thomasmore.org/>

The U. S. Supreme Court has recognized that public interest law firms litigating on behalf of persons seeking vindication of their constitutional rights is often the desirable and orderly way of resolving disputes of broad public interest and fundamental rights.

The Thomas More Law Center (TMLC) is a national nonprofit public interest law firm that defends and promotes America's Judeo-Christian heritage and moral values,

including the religious freedom of Christians, time-honored family values, and the sanctity of human life; it is also committed to preserving a strong national defense, and an independent and sovereign United States of America.

Accordingly, the Law Center only accepts cases that fall within its mission (stated above), based on legal merit, impact on the public interest and the culture war, and available resources.

Some lawyers on the forefront:

5) The Law Offices of David Yerushalmi, P.C.

<http://www.davidyerushalmilaw.com/>

David Yerushalmi is a lawyer specializing in complex litigation and risk analysis, especially as it relates to geo-strategic policy, national security, intellectual property, international business relations, securities law, disclosure and due diligence requirements for domestic and international concerns. David Yerushalmi has been involved in international legal and constitutional matters for over 27 years. After completing his undergraduate studies with a B.S. in public policy studies and criminal justice, summa cum laude, David Yerushalmi received his Juris Doctorate from Arizona State University College of Law in 1984 as the recipient of the Most Outstanding Graduate Award. After graduation, David Yerushalmi worked as a lawyer specializing in securities, banking, and environmental law in the Los Angeles office of the law firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & Macrae, at the time one of the largest and oldest law firms in the U.S. David Yerushalmi is licensed to practice law in Washington, D.C., New York, California and Arizona.

Today, Mr. Yerushalmi is co-founder and Senior Counsel to the American Freedom Law Center, a national public interest law firm dedicated to fighting for limited government, federalism, and America's Judeo-Christian heritage.

Mr. Yerushalmi is also General Counsel to the Center for Security Policy in Washington, D.C., one of the nation's leading national security think tanks founded by former Reagan administration official Frank J. Gaffney, Jr.

David Yerushalmi is today considered an expert on Islamic law and its intersection with Islamic terrorism and national security. In this capacity, he has published widely on the subject including the principle critical scholarship on sharia-compliant finance published in the Utah Law Review (2008, Issue 3). Mr. Yerushalmi also designed and co-authored a ground-breaking peer-reviewed empirical investigation on sharia-adherence and the promotion of violent, jihadist literature in U.S. mosques published initially in the Middle East Quarterly (Summer 2011) and then republished in a more detailed format in Perspectives on Terrorism, the journal of the prestigious Terrorism Research Initiative. This research and scholarship on sharia was earlier the focus of a 2008 monograph published by the McCormick Foundation and the Center for Security Policy entitled, "Shariah, Law and 'Financial Jihad': How Should America Respond?"

6) Joe Brandon, Tennessee Attorney located in Murfreesboro

Mr. Brandon in 2012 has headed off the construction of a mega-mosque in Murfreesboro based on the argument the public did not get proper notice of the mosque's construction; this is the first time the argument has been used successfully in a U.S. state court.

Other organizations that may be helpful in the fight:

7) The Claremont Institute's Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence

http://www.claremont.org/projects/projectid.31/project_detail.asp

The Claremont Institute formed the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, a public interest law firm, in 1999 in order to further its mission through strategic litigation. Since its founding, the Center has participated in more than fifty cases before the Supreme Court of the United States, including such landmark cases as *Boy Scouts v. Dale*, *Zelman v. Simmons-Harris* (the Ohio school vouchers case), *Elk Grove Unified School District v. Newdow* (the Pledge of Allegiance case), *Kelo v. New London, Connecticut* (the property takings case), and *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld* (terrorism case), urging the Court to restore the constitutional principles adopted by our nation's Founders. The Center also litigates on behalf of clients in a wide range of constitutional issues, sponsors a constitutional law clinic at Chapman University School of Law, and through its participation in the Blackstone Fellows program has worked collaboratively with law students from other prestigious law schools, including Harvard, Berkeley, Georgetown, Penn, and Pepperdine.

The founding Director of the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence is Dr. John C. Eastman, professor of constitutional law and, from 2007 to 2010, Dean at the Chapman University School of Law. A former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, he has a J.D. from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. in government and political philosophy from the Claremont Graduate School. He was previously affiliated with the Claremont Institute as a research associate beginning in 1983 and a Publius Fellow in 1984.

Since 2008, the Center has been headed by Anthony T. "Tom" Caso, Associate Clinical Professor of Law at Chapman and long-time public interest attorney and Vice-President of the Pacific Legal Foundation. David Llewellyn, former Dean of Trinity Law School and founder of the Western Center for Law and Religious Freedom, serves as litigation director. Assistant Director Karen Lugo supervises the students working in the constitutional litigation clinic that the Center sponsors at Chapman and coordinates the coalitions and cooperating counsel program. The entire team works with a prestigious Board of Advisors, chaired by former Attorney General Edwin Meese III, to develop the Center's litigation strategy.

8) The American Public Policy Alliance

<http://publicpolicyalliance.org/about/>

The **American Public Policy Alliance** (APPA), a non-partisan 501c4 advocacy organization dedicated to protecting U.S. constitutional rights, safeguarding U.S. sovereignty and promoting government transparency and accountability, is working with legislators nationwide on policies and initiatives.

Along with allied organizations, APPA is working to defend free speech, preserve and promote civil and human rights, maintain the integrity and supremacy of our US and state constitutions, and aid and promote public safety.

One of the greatest threats to American values and liberties today comes from abroad, including foreign laws and foreign legal doctrines which have been infiltrating our court system at the municipal, state and federal levels. This phenomenon is known as “**transnationalism**” and includes the use of international law and foreign law in court opinions when those conflict with both Constitutional liberties and protections, and state public policy. Examples include “conflict-of-law” issues with foreign law, including many countries that have Shariah-centric legal systems, as well as countries with significantly different laws concerning child custody. APPA focuses on countering this infiltration of anti-Constitutional laws across a broad variety of initiatives.

In only three years, APPA’s American Laws for American Courts (ALAC) legislation has already successfully been signed into law in Tennessee, Louisiana, Arizona and Kansas, and is currently working its way through the legislative process in several additional states. New bills can take several attempts to achieve success; the positive reception by legislators and public to American Laws for American Courts in such a short timeframe is testimony to the concern across America about preserving our civil rights from discriminatory foreign laws.

9) The Center for Security Policy

<http://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/index.xml>

Mission: To identify challenges and opportunities likely to affect American security, broadly defined, and to act promptly and creatively to ensure that they are the subject of focused national examination and effective action.

The Center for Security Policy is a non-profit, non-partisan national security organization that specializes in identifying policies, actions, and resource needs that are vital to American security and then ensures that such issues are the subject of both focused, principled examination and effective action by recognized policy experts, appropriate officials, opinion leaders, and the general public.

10) The David Horowitz Freedom Center

<http://www.horowitzfreedomcenter.org/about>

The David Horowitz Freedom Center combats the efforts of the radical left and its Islamist allies to destroy American values and disarm this country as it attempts to defend itself in a time of terror. The leftist offensive is most obvious on our nation's campuses, where the Freedom Center protects students from indoctrination and political harassment. Combining forceful analysis and bold activism, the Freedom Center provides strong insight into today's most pressing issue on its family of websites and in the activist campaigns it wages on campus, in the news media, and in national politics throughout the year.