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What is the Equal Justice Foundation?

The Equal Justice Foundation is chartered and steadfastly stands for:

- The defense of human and individual rights as secured by law;
- The elimination or reduction of prejudice and discrimination; and
- To promote equal treatment of both sexes in custom and under the law.

Toward these goals the Foundation undertakes charitable acts; develops, provides and disseminates educational materials; and initiates and publishes scientific studies.

The Equal Justice Foundation has no paid staff. Financially the Foundation is entirely supported by members dues and contributions and such funds are used solely for essential expenses, e.g., computers and office supplies.

2014 was our fourteenth year of continuous operations.

Mission

The Equal Justice Foundation is a nonprofit organization of citizens from all walks of life incorporated in February 2001 and working to:

- Reduce family violence.
- Preserve families and marriages.
- Restore due process.
- Reverse the loss of our civil liberties.
- Ensure equality for all citizens before the bar, especially the disabled.
- Establish judicial accountability.
- Reestablish the rule of law.
- Preserve the secret ballot.
- Ensure transparent, fair, and honest elections.
- Make the Bill of Rights a living document in our time.

Our viewpoints and findings are presented by an eclectic array of *male* and *female* authors from a wide variety of fields, backgrounds, and positions on the issues, including many comments from EJF members.

Family and intimate partner violence

Help for abused men and women

The Equal Justice Foundation (EJF) performs research intended to reduce family violence of all forms regardless of sex, gender orientation, age, religion, or ethnicity.

We provide one of the very few programs offering succor to abused men¹ and the support we provide is now primarily web based. Our flyers on domestic violence and protection orders are consistently downloaded well over 3,000 times per month² and that appears to be a more effective way to reach the broadest possible audience than most attempts at individual assistance.

As an exception, and when possible, both active-duty and discharged veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces were provided help when possible in 2014. Usually they were having problems with domestic violence or other family issues associated with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injuries (TBI), or other combat-related issues, the subject of an extensive EJF research project discussed later.

The Foundation frequently intercedes with police, district attorneys, courts, Veteran Administration, defense attorneys, or other veteran support groups on behalf of victims of government tyranny.

The Foundation also conducts extensive research on the demographics³ and other factors involved in intimate partner violence. Our research on intimate partner violence is extensively used in all 50 states and at least 26 other countries. For example, the Maine Supreme Court recently ruled that their domestic violence laws violated the state constitution. The defense attorney writing the brief contacted Dr. Corry for assistance and research information.

Reducing family violence

Family violence seldom occurs in a vacuum. Typically there are many precursors, ranging from mental and emotional disorders, biological factors, substance abuse, the stress of combat, and accidents or wounds such as a blow to the head, that negatively affect family relationships.

The Equal Justice Foundation seeks to identify these factors and minimize or eliminate the effects whenever possible in order to reduce family conflicts. It is of note that in our experience incarceration and criminal convictions have virtually always made problems worse, or completely destroyed the family.

Our objective is to fix the problem, not the blame.

By reducing family violence we help to preserve families and marriages and keep children with their parents or close relatives, e.g., their grandparents, aunts or uncles, in most situations.

1. See Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado at dvment.org.

2. See ejfi.org/What_you_can_do.htm#handouts.

3. Data and analyses for 1998 through 2010 are available at dvmen.org/dv-90.htm and following sections. Available resources have limited our ability to continue this tabulation past 2010.

Individuals, both male and female, and families use EJF research to help them sort out their problems, show them how to protect themselves, direct them to appropriate agencies, find them competent legal counsel, etc.

The Foundation also advocates for reform with educational material and information with various groups, media, agencies, bar associations, attorneys, judges, district attorneys, and legislators.

Often the personal stories of those who seek help from us are used, with their permission, to illustrate the problems and provide guidance to those with similar issues.⁴

Helping abused or disabled men and women

Our original mission, and a major portion of our continuing efforts, is to provide information and what assistance we are able to men and women, often disabled, who are abused by their intimate partners or are caught up in the nightmare of a dysfunctional legal system.

- *Most often the individual simply needs some information*, or an explanation of the situation they find themselves in, and what options they have. In most cases the information they need is available on our web sites and members simply need some guidance as to where to find what they need.
- *Help for disabled abuse victims*. EJF VP Sheryle Hutter also works with the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition and, together with her son Don who is also an EJF member, provides advice and help insofar as possible for disabled citizens sucked into the maw of the domestic violence, divorce, and child protection industries.
- *Help for disabled veterans*. When possible we also work directly with disabled veterans and their partners to assist them with whatever problems they face.

The Equal Justice Foundation works with the Veterans Administration, psychiatrists, psychologists, domestic violence treatment providers, Army and Air Force officers on a number of military bases, and other community groups to find both active-duty and military veterans the help they need.

- *The Equal Justice Foundation is member supported and works as a cooperative with its members*. In many cases a member asking for help will be referred to another member who lives near them who has experience with the issues the individual is dealing with on a local level. In such cases our members can often provide the needed advice and assistance on a volunteer basis.

Abused men

While not a statistically valid sample, the abused men we have helped over the years shows their problems tend to cluster into specific types. By identifying these patterns with our research it is sometimes possible to forestall their occurrence in current and future cases.

Abused men who contact us, or whose problems are brought to us by those close to them, have typically:

4. For examples see *In Women's Own Words* — Chapter 5 at www.ejfi.org/DV/dv.htm.

- *Lost their jobs, homes, and professional licenses.* This category includes cases where the men lost their security clearances or could no longer carry a gun (affects police, security guards, and military particularly in Colorado Springs). We also have many members who were medical doctors, school teachers, engineers, etc., whose lives have been destroyed by false and malicious allegations.
- *Are now destitute and often living on the streets, in their car, with relatives, or in friend's homes.*
- *Called the police because she attacked him, usually with a weapon, and the police came and arrested him, or made no arrest at all.* For revenge, she then commonly called the police and claimed he attacked her, and the police then arrested him. To add credence to her claim she will commonly scratch or bruise herself, or break things in the home before the police arrive.
- *Called the police because she was abusing the children and, when he tried to protect the little ones, she attacked him.* When the police were called they arrested him and the courts subsequently gave her full custody of the children she is abusing.
- *Found evidence his wife was having an affair.* She then charged him with domestic violence or got a restraining order to cover her adultery. By doing so she got possession of the kids, the house, the car, the checking account, and everything else he owned. For married men this is the largest single grouping with about 50% of married men who contact us falling in this category. More than half the men we've heard from were married or they were living together (common law).
- *Found he is being stalked by a former wife or girlfriend who is using the legal system to harass him with DV charges and restraining orders in addition to the phone calls, vandalism, visitation games, etc., she is playing.* Often when she finds him she uses her cell phone to call police and claim he has violated the restraining order and has him arrested. A variation on this are vindictive girlfriends who get a restraining order that keeps a man from his own home or apartment, which she then often trashes or steals everything out of.
- *Have lost all contact with their children for months and years.* Commonly they were arrested or harassed if they've tried to contact their children. Often the never see the children again until the kids reach age 18, if then.
- *Found the woman has an uncontrollable substance abuse problem, a mental disorder, or both, and is using the legal system, victim's advocates, and women's shelters to harass and charge him with various false allegations.*
- *Found that their military or police service is used against them in court and they are addressed as "trained killers."* Such *ad hominem* attacks seem to be most common against men who have served in the elite branches of the military, e.g., Marines, Seals, Special Forces (Green Berets), and Rangers.
- *Have spent from three months to ten years or more in jail though they had no police record prior to meeting this woman and very often there is no evidence of violence whatsoever.* Includes cases where men lost their jobs because of the false allegations she made against them, were laid off, or the court "imputed" income they did not have and could not pay child support, and they were jailed for contempt of court (debtor's prison).
- *Are suffering from one or more symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), virtually without exception.* Sleeplessness, paranoia, nervousness, nightmares, impotence, physical or mental breakdowns, etc., are so common we hardly even ask about them, and simply take

them as a given and recommend treatment. Many men were, or have become physically disabled by the abuse and false allegations against them. PTSD episodes are indistinguishable from domestic violence under current laws and all too often results in an arrest.

Abused women

Women who contact the Equal Justice Foundation for assistance are quite frequently suffering the same sorts of problems as tabulated above for men with simply the gender reversed. That is particularly true for problems women have with a dysfunctional legal system.

Shelters for abused women do not address these common issues and we have numerous examples where shelters and other advocacy groups have worsened the woman's problems before they contacted us for help.⁵

The problems women face with current facilities can't be fixed until they have been documented. Toward that the EJF has posted numerous vignettes from abused women who have contacted the Foundation for help. To further our efforts they then agreed to have their stories published In Women's Own Words⁶ describing the nightmares they have been through.

Unbiased help to all men and women

The above is a fair summary of what many of the men and women who make up our clientele face. Apparently the EJF is one of the few groups that also offers unbiased help to homosexual men and women who are, in several cases, military veterans.⁷

Making people aware of the problems

As there is very little help available for abused men, abusive women, or men and women and children whose families have been destroyed by the legal system and DV industry, the basic problem is to make citizens aware of what they need to do to help themselves. That is done in several ways:

- *The EJF partners with members and groups* that have similar goals and missions such as the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women in Maine. Referrals for abused men and women are frequently exchanged with other groups to ensure individuals receive the best care and advice possible.
- *Locations of shelters for men and women.* Links are provided to the few groups across the United States, and in other countries that provide direct assistance and shelter to *both* men and women.⁸
- *Encyclopedic web sites.* Our original web site, Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado, at *dvmen.org* contains sixteen chapters on such topics as how to deal with domestic violence, extensive information on protection orders, etc., and is used by thousands of men and women every day.

5. With the help of volunteers the EJF has documented many of the problems with shelters for battered women. See Chapter 6 at ejfi.org/DV/dv.htm.

6. See Chapter 5 at ejfi.org/DV/dv.htm.

7. For example see the Help page on Gay and Lesbian issues at ejfi.org/Help/Help-9.htm.

8. See list of shelters that help both men and women at ejfi.org/Help/Help-3.htm#abusedmen.

In addition, the EJF parent web site, *ejfi.org*, contains additional research and information on domestic violence as well as five other books on problems as fundamental as preserving our civilization, families and marriage, courts and civil liberties, prohibitions and the war on drugs, and vote fraud and election issues. Additional sections on finding help, the saga of Dr. Timothy Emerson⁹ in defense of the Second Amendment, newsletters and press releases, and what people can do to help are also included.

- *Public presentations* are made before various groups, commissions, and committees; and through various media outlets, e.g., newspapers and radio talk shows, as a result of which personal contact is often made with abused men and women.
- *A newsletter is published* several times a year and these are widely reposted and forwarded to other groups and individuals.¹⁰
- *Word of mouth* has proven to be very effective in spreading our message and it is not uncommon for someone to contact us who has not seen our web sites, brochures, or newsletters.
- *Flyers on the facts about what to do if charged with domestic violence¹¹ or placed under a restraining order¹²* are downloaded from our web site by more than 3,000 people a month.
- *EJF research is widely reposted.* In many cases EJF members, students, attorneys, or other groups use our research and information to produce handouts to fit their local situation or repost our research on their web sites. Such repostings are found on web sites all around the world and a number of attorneys link directly to our web sites.

What the Foundation accomplishes

Individuals needing help contact us by email, telephone, personal contact, or office visits. Once contact is established notice is given that EJF membership is required for basic assistance. That requirement has proven a necessity both in terms of supporting the Foundation and due to time constraints since no volunteer to take on help desk chores has been found.

- If an individual joins the Foundation some consultation is required to determine what their problems are, and what help, if any, we might be able to offer to our members and contributors. Otherwise they are referred to the public information and research available on the EJF web sites.
- *Help for disabled abuse victims.* The Foundation has extensive and personal experience dealing with disabled victims of abuse of many different kinds. In recent years conservatorship/guardianship fraud and associated elder abuse cases have absorbed a great deal of our efforts. Our experience dealing with disabled veterans subject to intimate partner and abuse by the justice system continues to increase. Issues with child abuse, or often the lack thereof and abuse of parents by child “*protective*” services (CPS) are always before us.

9. Dr. Emerson’s story is available at *ejfi.org/emerson.htm*.

10. Past newsletters and press releases are available at *ejfi.org/Press_releases.htm*.

11. See *ejfi.org/PDF/Facts-Domestic%20violence.pdf*

12. See *ejfi.org/PDF/Facts-Restraining%20orders.pdf*

- *In many cases the person needs an attorney.* The EJF maintains an extensive published list of cooperating attorneys, plus a private list of less-than competent attorneys, to try and insure these men and women receive informed and comprehensive legal representation. To ensure impartiality the Equal Justice Foundation receives no fees for attorney listings.

Many attorneys link to our web sites and often reproduce critical information and research we provide on their web sites.

The EJF also works closely with a number of prosecutors, criminal defense, and family law attorneys throughout Colorado.

It is also well worth noting that the Equal Justice Foundation has become the place attorneys turn to for expert advice when they are charged with domestic violence or subjected to restraining orders.

In other cases we help members find a private investigator or a paralegal to assist them, or in cases of paternity fraud, how, when, and where to get court-acceptable DNA genetic testing done.

- *Abused men and women often simply want their story to be heard.* Women and men have often told us that they simply want their stories to be heard, and their anguish known so that others understand they are not alone.

We publish many such stories in the hope that other men and women can avoid the trauma and heartbreak of an abusive relationship. Such stories also provide much needed information on how individual situations have been resolved and what mistakes to avoid.

- *And there are always the depressing cases where nothing can be done to help.* That is usually because the individuals have waited too long to contact us or our resources are simply stretched too thin. Time after time people contact the EJF after spending their life savings on incompetent, and all-too-often dishonest attorneys, with problems that could have been readily, or much more inexpensively solved or avoided.

Cases where men and women have been coerced into a plea bargain without any awareness of the dire and irreversible consequences to their families, children, and marriage are particularly frustrating.

It needs to be emphasized that, sadly, many of the problems brought to the Equal Justice Foundation have no solution that will save their children, families, and, all too often, their lives.

Marriage and families

Preserving families and marriage

It is a fundamental tenet of the Equal Justice Foundation, and substantiated in numerous research studies, that children need both parents in order to develop into healthy, educated, and productive citizens. We continue to work toward keeping children with their biological parents whenever possible or with close relatives, e.g., grandparents, when circumstances or disabilities make it impossible for parents to care directly for their sons and daughters.

However, it must be admitted that we are losing these battles. For years the EJF has pointed out that under current laws a man has to be functionally insane to marry and a drooling idiot to

sire a child. As awareness spreads, more and more men are avoiding marriage and women are becoming single mothers, an unsustainable trend if our civilization is to survive.

For couples, both hetero- and homo-sexual who wish to live together in a permanent manner and acquire property and raise children, we advise drawing up a revocable living trust defining in advance how they will respond to the various contingencies and disasters that might occur in their relationship. Such a revocable trust gives each party a contract with defined, enforceable legal rights without putting them into the maw of the family “*justice*” system if the relationship dissolves, as happens with a marriage license.

Protecting children

The Foundation may be called on to help parents, particularly military families, who have come in contact with their county Department of Human Services (DHS), notably child protective services (CPS).

Such problems frequently arise as the result of domestic violence (often associated with PTSD/TBI), divorce, custody disputes, poverty, etc. Notably, child abuse has become a standard add-on charge when domestic violence is alleged. That invariably gives CPS an opening wedge to interfere with a family’s children, often disastrously.

The EJF provides, advice and whatever assistance we can, and may intercede with DHS, county commissioners, state representatives, and other officials on behalf of the parents. But, as best we can tell, the situation has gotten worse with time.

CPS in many counties across America have become adoption rings using legalized kidnapping to steal children from parents over the least sign of trouble in the family, or simply inventing excuses. And these disgusting practices are fueled by funding from an increasingly socialist/Marxist government that presumes the State can do a better job of raising children than biological parents.

The Equal Justice Foundation stands firmly opposed to these practices and the underlying ideology.

Paternity fraud

For well over a decade the Equal Justice Foundation has been fighting for the rights of men and women enslaved by paternity fraud wherein a court has ordered a man to involuntarily support children he is not the biological father of, and who never or no longer reside in his home. This practice is a modern form of slavery under color of law.

Since DNA paternity testing has become readily available approximately 30% of the tests have shown the man tested is not the father of the child, or children in question.

Often times paternity fraud makes it impossible for a man to support his biological children, and wives are often forced to help pay support for children who have no relation to their husband.

In many cases we help members find a private investigator or a paralegal to assist them in cases of paternity fraud, and how, when, and where to get DNA genetic testing done. But all too often non-payment of the court-ordered support lands men in debtor’s prison.

Marriage fraud

Years of experience and data collected by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have shown that roughly one-third of marriages by American men to foreign women are fraudulent and used simply to gain immigrant or citizenship in the United States. But there are many variants on this con.

Typically marriage fraud involves a foreign bride coming to America and after six months or so filing charges of domestic violence against her American husband. Under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) ICE is then required to immediately issue her a Green Card granting her residency status and expedite her citizenship application.

Former EJF Director John Sampson is a retired federal officer formerly with ICE who investigated marriage fraud. Presently he operates CSI Consulting and Investigations helping men and women nationwide stung by such fraudulent marriages.¹³

Work with the disabled community

EJF Vice President Sheryle Hutter works tirelessly throughout the state to help disabled citizens together with several other EJF members. In 2008 her efforts were recognized by two statewide awards. Mrs. Hutter has also served on the board of the Colorado Cross Disability Coalition and has received a number of awards for her work with the Special Olympics. But her efforts were carried forward at a considerably slower pace in 2014 due to family health issues.

Mental health problems

The EJF has extensive experience dealing with cases of PTSD and TBI in both military and civilians, as well as a number of personality disorders frequently associated with intimate partner violence. Research, described below, has shown that manifestations of PTSD and TBI are indistinguishable from domestic violence under current laws. Some studies suggest there is an 80% chance someone with moderate to severe PTSD will commit an act of violence against an intimate partner within a year without intervention. The question for society is should that intervention be by the criminal justice system or should we treat the problem at its source? The EJF favors the latter.

One of our members is a Doctor of Psychology and works extensively with veterans with TBI and their families in Colorado Springs, and they hold her in high regard. She has been particularly effective in dealing with issues involving child protective services.

We also work with attorneys to help them recognize and deal with mental health problems in clients and opponents.

The Foundation also works with disabled veterans and active-duty military to help them find food, shelter, and physical and mental health care in cooperation with other agencies.

As a result of our work the Veterans Administration, defense attorneys, and military commands often refer veterans to the Equal Justice Foundation for assistance.

13. See his web site at csiinvestigations.vpweb.com.

Dysfunctional courts

The more we look the worse the courts appear. Attorney Linda Kennedy's 2001 essay *Holodeck Law — Litigation Vortex*,¹⁴ for which she was disbarred, is probably the best overall review of the chimera our courts have become.

The most disgusting courts the Equal Justice Foundation has encountered are probate courts, seemingly dedicated to fleecing the elderly and disabled in cahoots with a cohort of jackal attorneys and judges/magistrates. We have only been able to document a few of the many cases of slime that we have seen. We have provided a cook book on how a fraudulent guardianship/conservatorship commences and continues¹⁵ that may help some avoid the chasm and catastrophe that often result in going before a probate court.

In 2014 Boise, Idaho, law enforcement officer Doug Traubel¹⁶ and Dr. Corry published an extensive treatise on social versus criminal justice and the many pitfalls therein. They painted a portrait showing a judiciary that, on the whole, is dysfunctional, discriminatory, and tends to put social justice above the Constitution and criminal law.

We also reposted a warning by Columbia law professor Phillip Hamburger about the danger of administrative law.¹⁷ Here the agency both appoints and pays the judges chosen to sit in judgement of a citizen's violations of the rules and regulations of that agency. Prof. Hamburger argues convincingly that the rise of administrative law in the United States is essentially a re-emergence of the absolute power practiced by pre-modern kings. Rather than a modern necessity, it is a latter-day version of a recurring threat — a threat inherent in human nature and in the temptations of power.

Outraged citizens perennially contact the EJF about the admission of perjury and hearsay in the courts.¹⁸ Since judges virtually always ignore perjury, no matter how blatant, it often seems the first and best liar wins. And subornation of perjury isn't even considered criminal. As a result swearing an oath to tell the truth and nothing but the truth has become a sick joke.

Jeff Berwick¹⁹ points out that today a citizen calls the police at great risk to their life, limb, and fortune. He notes that police no longer consider it their job to protect you. They used to at least pay lip service to "*keeping the peace*," but today it is clear their job is to enforce the law. In fascist-communist America, the law stopped being about serving and protection decades ago. The law now is about the expansion of state power and control. Since no one can know the multitude of laws, or understand most of them, enforcing the "*law*" becomes whatever the jackbooted thugs most police have become says it is. And warrants are quaint relics of the past.

The only vestige of justice a citizen is likely to find in a court today is trial by jury.

From these few examples, and the many more we have documented, we hope it is apparent why the efforts of the Equal Justice Foundation are so important.

14. See ejfi.org/Courts/Courts-5.htm.

15. See ejfi.org/Courts/Courts-34.htm.

16. See ejfi.org/Courts/Courts-4.htm.

17. See ejfi.org/Courts/Courts-27.htm.

18. See ejfi.org/Courts/Courts-16.htm.

19. See ejfi.org/Courts/Courts-36.htm.

Rogue district attorneys

In just the new millennium the district attorneys from Colorado's 7th and 12th judicial districts have been caught out, although many would say these two are just the large chunks floating in the septic tank.

Myrl Serra — We have collected the news stories²⁰ about the disgraceful and criminal behavior of 7th Judicial District Attorney Myrl Serra. For gross sexual harassment of three women in his office he was allowed to take a plea bargain and was sentenced to just two months in the county jail, four years probation, and disbarred.

Many commented that this light sentence was used partly by the courts to conceal judicial misconduct.

Frank Ruybalid — The news stories about the incredible incompetence of 3rd Judicial District Attorney Frank Ruybalid have also been assembled.²¹ The Colorado Supreme Court's Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, in one of the rare cases where it has been literally forced into disciplining an attorney, reached a settlement in its probe of complaints about Ruybalid's office.

Illustrating the despicable state of the justice system, Colorado's 3rd Judicial District Attorney Frank Ruybalid settled the state ethics investigation of his office by finally admitting that he mishandled a number of prosecutions that ended up being dismissed — cases ranging from theft and drugs to sexual assault and second-degree murder.

Under the terms of the agreement, Ruybalid admitted to thirteen violations of the state's rules for professional conduct of attorneys. Presiding disciplinary judge William Lucero ordered that Ruybalid's law license be suspended for six months — then suspended the suspension, on the proviso that Ruybalid complete a 23-month period of probation. The probation conditions include a “*robust audit*” of Ruybalid's office and ongoing monitoring and review of his caseload. Ruybalid will also be required to pay \$23,000 in court costs and **attend a one-day ethics course**. In exchange for his admission of misconduct, numerous other claims of violations by Ruybalid in several other prosecutions were dropped.

The remaining admissions include ignoring court orders and failing to turn over discovery to the defense in seven criminal prosecutions that were later voluntarily dismissed by Ruybalid or tossed by judges; in one, a theft defendant pled guilty to a misdemeanor but several felony charges were dropped. In nine other cases that were handled — make that mishandled — by inexperienced deputies, Ruybalid admitted that he failed to properly supervise his employees.

These are not the best of times for the criminal justice system in Trinidad near Colorado's southern border. The city and two of its police detectives are being sued by the ACLU of Colorado, claiming the detectives fabricated and misrepresented evidence in a 2013 drug investigation that led to the arrests of forty people — a misbegotten operation involving fake drugs and unreliable informants that resulted in all forty cases being dismissed.

20. Stories about Myrl Serra available at dvmn.org/PDF/Myrl_Serra_7th_JD_DA.pdf.

21. Documentation of DA Frank Ruybalid's incompetence is collected at dvmn.org/PDF/3rdJD-DA_Ruybalid_final.pdf.

All of the cases in the original complaint against Ruybalid predate the drug roundup of 2013 that's now the target of the ACLU lawsuit, but they are not unrelated. Three of the cases that involve violations by Ruybalid were drug cases in which key information about the confidential informant — that theft charges against him had been dropped, that he was using heroin while working for the police, that law enforcement was paying his rent during the sting operation — were not properly disclosed to the defense.

Despite his outrageous incompetence, Ruybalid was left in office to complete his second term as district attorney, which ends in January 2017.

Veteran arrests and veteran court

In 2008 the Equal Justice Foundation helped pioneer a veteran court in Colorado's Fourth Judicial District (El Paso and Teller counties) to support the thousands of veterans and active-duty military in the area who become involved with civilian courts as a direct or indirect result of their combat injuries and stress, e.g., PTSD and TBI. In 2010 the Foundation worked to pass enabling legislation for veteran courts statewide and in 2010 the first veteran court in Colorado was stood up. In 2014 Jefferson and Douglas counties also initiated veteran courts.

What we are finding is a cycle of **PTSD/TBI —> Arrest —> Conviction —> Homelessness —> Suicide**. We regard "*Suicide*" as early death of a veteran from any of many causes, e.g., drinking themselves to death, driving into a tree or embankment at speed, drug interactions from prescription drugs, etc., as well as cases where the coroner rules death by suicide.

A major objective of our efforts is to try and stop this downward spiral into alcoholism, homelessness, incarceration, and suicide many veterans are enduring in the present justice system within the military bastion that is El Paso County.

Implementation of a functional veteran court is critically dependent on accurate demographic information. In July 2010 we began tabulating veteran arrests in El Paso County based on daily arrest reports provided by the sheriff. In February 2011 we completed an initial analysis of the first 1,000 veteran arrests,²² and in 2012 we prepared a report on the veteran arrests in El Paso County based on data from the entire year of 2011. After review by a number of combat veterans we published that report in April 2013.

Daily tabulation of veteran arrests in El Paso County, Colorado, continued through 2014. By the end of the year data on some 7,600 veterans who had been arrested some 12,300 times had been accumulated. Current plans are to continue veteran arrest data collection through 2016 and issue a five-year report that year.

After a four month effort we also obtained limited information on veterans who have been admitted to the veteran court. Unfortunately, only about 200 veterans had been admitted out of the 7,600 known arrests, or less than 3%. In addition, a veteran must plead guilty to a crime before they can be admitted to the vet court, placing their future in great jeopardy even though the vet court may keep them from serving jail time. The low participation and requirement for a guilty plea make the veteran court little more than a dog-and-pony show at present. The negative outcome of the veteran court for at least one soldier was documented in a November EJF

22. The report is available at ejfi.org/PDF/EPSO_vet_arrest_report.pdf.

newsletter *Death of A Soldier*²³ and one veteran in the vet court has been in and out of the county jail some 18 times so far. Clearly the veteran court is not enhancing public safety. However, the “*catch, convict, and release*” policy of the district attorney does little overall to provide for public safety but it does enhance his conviction statistics.

In 2014 we also began integrating the arrest data with the El Paso County Coroner’s data in an attempt to track how many veterans are first arrested and then end up in the morgue, as well as from what causes. It is assumed there is at least a five-year lag between the time a veteran is first arrested and their demise.

The objective of our research is to find means that supersede the ineffective crime and punishment procedure currently used with a system that provides for public safety while preserving civil rights and providing effective treatment for veterans, and others, suffering from trauma and injuries.

Not an easy task!

Colorado judges — Citizens’ review

The Equal Justice Foundation continues to review the conduct of Colorado judges and publish reviews of misconduct as well as recognizing exemplary service.

In many cases an EJF officer, director, or member attends court hearings with those needing assistance to provide reassurance, act as witnesses, and document judicial behavior. Other EJF members do courtwatching as their time and interest permit. The Foundation provides a standard form for evaluating courts and child protective services that has been widely adopted in Colorado and across the United States.²⁴ When appropriate, completed forms are published and linked to the responsible judge.

Colorado has judicial review commissions in each of the 22 judicial districts as well as for the Supreme and Appeals courts. State judges are required to submit to a review by these commissions at intervals fixed by statute if they intend to remain on the bench. Reviews of all judges standing for retention during a given election cycle are published several months prior to the election. These reviews include a survey of attorneys in the district who vote Retain or Do Not Retain for each judge being reviewed.

Using the attorney reviews as a basis, prior to the November 2012 election the Foundation published a review of judicial performance in Colorado state courts.²⁵ That review was well received and we repeated the process for the November 2014 election.²⁶ What we do is distribute a table showing how both the judicial review commissions and the EJF/attorneys voted to retain or not retain all judges standing for retention in that election to all Colorado residents on our mailing list. Using the same standard of how attorneys voted we went back and updated our chapter on Colorado Judges — Citizen’s Review²⁷ to reflect all available judicial performance reviews.

23. *Death of A Soldier* is available at ejfi.org/News/Courts-November_11_2014.htm.

24. A courtwatching form is available at ejfi.org/PDF/Courtwatcher_form.pdf that is known to be used across the country, as well as in Colorado.

25. This table is available at dvmn.org/PDF/2012_CO_judicial_performance.pdf.

26. The 2014 EJF judicial review is available at ejfi.org/News/Courts-October_17_2014.htm.

27. Available at dvmn.org/dv-2.htm#chapter7.

It is reasonable to question how effective this method is as only one judge, Ben McClelland in the 14th Judicial District, was voted off the bench in the 2014 election. However, in addition to our email distribution the 2014 evaluation was downloaded from our *ejfi.org* web site over 7,000 times prior to the election. We also worked with another group, Clear The Bench, who published additional information on these judges. The expectation is that as familiarity with this effort grows we expect a greater impact in the 2016 election. And given the publicity a number of judges simply decide not to stand for retention, which we document on our Colorado Judges — Citizen's Review chapter on *dvmen.org*.

Amicus curiae briefs

A recurring issue are requests that the Equal Justice Foundation provide amicus curiae briefs in court cases related to our mission. This question was presented and debated with the EJF Board at the November 4, 2006, fall meeting.

As a result of the discussion and prior experience the following criteria and policy for amicus curiae briefs has been agreed to by the EJF Board and remains unchanged:

1. The requester must have been an EJF member for at least one year prior to making the request.
2. There must be clear-cut circumstances defining why this is an exceptional case that merits the support of the EJF.
3. The case should be in federal court although state court cases might be considered.
4. Member must present their case for consideration by the entire EJF Board.

Prohibitions and the War on Drugs

Since its inception the Equal Justice Foundation has stood in opposition to the War on Drugs and, in fact, all prohibitions. Mala prohibita laws seldom work and since the ratification of the 21st Amendment in 1933 repealing prohibition there has been no constitutional basis for such laws in the United States.

In addition to our stand for individual freedom, our opposition to Nixon's 1972 arbitrary and capricious initiation of the War on Drugs provided the basis on which many of the actions later undertaken in the name of stopping violence against women (VAWA) were put in place.

It is of interest to note that the 21st Amendment is the only amendment to the federal Constitution to have been ratified by state ratifying conventions as provided for in Article V. It appears that ending the War on Drugs is also being done by the several states. With Colorado leading the way for the legalization of recreational use of marijuana, by the end of 2014 three other states and the District of Columbia had done so as well. In addition medical marijuana is available in 23 states.

The issue of the use of medical marijuana is close to home as Colorado Springs has become a mecca for parents of children with severe epilepsy. A strain of marijuana known as Charlotte's Web has proven effective in treating many cases that did not respond to more conventional medicines. As a result parents from all over the United States have come here seeking help for their children.

Many other medical benefits of marijuana have long been known but insane power and control freaks in our malfunctioning government have refused to accept the facts. The EJF is particularly involved with the use of marijuana to help veterans with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other injuries of war.

Rather than attempt to keep our web site current on this fast evolving problem we are using the EJF page on Facebook²⁸ to post current information and articles. If you haven't already, please Like our Facebook page and follow us.

It is to be hoped that the repeal of the insane laws against marijuana that is in progress will lead to a collapse of the whole house of cards upon which the War on Drugs is built.

Vote fraud and election issues

The Equal Justice Foundation works to preserve Constitutional rights embodied in open, honest, and fair elections using secret ballots. Dr. Corry works with election officials and activists both statewide and nationally attempting to preserve a secret ballot, insure ballots are tabulated accurately, provide for adequate standards and testing of electronic voting machines, document and attempt to correct the problems with the statewide voter registration database, and point out and, hopefully, correct the problems with mail ballots. In doing this Dr. Corry has testified as an expert witness on election issues in court and many times before state committees and the legislature. He also publishes in newspapers statewide on election issues and appears on both local and national radio talk shows concerning election problems.

The Foundation has been particularly active in requiring and monitoring security and operational standards for electronic voting equipment. We have also been actively documenting the problems with fraud in mail ballot elections.²⁹

Since its inception in 2001 Dr. Corry has served on the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) voting equipment standards committee attempting to set workable national standards for electronic voting equipment. During 2014 Dr. Corry continued work with the IEEE P1622³⁰ standards committee for the electronic distribution of election results.

The Equal Justice Foundation has compiled and published a great deal of information on vote fraud and election issues. That book³¹ comprises thirteen chapters containing more than 100 essays and examples of election fraud, corruption, and incompetence. A tabulation of problems with electronic voting machines in forty-one states is also included.

Sadly, our efforts have largely been a failure. The IEEE P1583 voting equipment standards committee was disbanded without agreeing to any standards for electronic voting machines. The IEEE P1622 group is working on common data formats for election equipment and may, someday, produce such standards.

28. If you have a Facebook account simply type in "*Equal Justice Foundation*" in the header bar to access the EJF page.

29. See the February 24, 2014, EJF newsletter Mail Ballots and Elections — What We Have Lost at ejfi.org/News/Voting-February-24-2013.htm.

30. Available at grouper.ieee.org/groups/1622/

31. Vote fraud and election issues ejfi.org/Voting/Voting.htm.

In the interim voting equipment manufacturers along with the Colorado legislature, among others, have been destroying virtually every protection and procedure evolved over more than a century. In some sense it appears that the February 24, 2013, EJF newsletter²³ describing what we have lost with mail ballot elections was used by the Colorado legislature as a guide to destroying election integrity. As a result on February 26, 2014, we published an essay by Al Maurer on Colorado's Wild West "Roll Your Own" Election Rules³² documenting some of the current problems with Colorado elections. Unfortunately, the integrity of our elections continues to decline. Unfortunately, this bulwark of democracy is rapidly descending into a charade.

We note that other states are rarely far behind Colorado and some are worse.

Publications

The results of our studies are widely distributed by use of the World Wide Web, newspaper and magazine articles, scientific meetings and journals, via our newsletter, and to legislative bodies and individual legislators. One measure of the fact that our studies and research are being widely used is the fact that page views on our web sites drop by about 50,000 per month when schools and universities are not in session.

Newsletters

As listed in individual sections above, a newsletter is distributed several times a year to a general list of subscribers. These individuals are located in every state of the United States, many of its territories, and at least forty five other countries.

The EJF mailing list includes media representatives, academics and graduate students, legislators, attorneys, judges, medical practitioners, engineers, scientists, psychiatrists and psychologists, social workers including DV treatment providers and victim's advocates, election activists, housewives, active-duty military, veterans, all the hundreds of abused men and women who contact us, as well as many others.³³

Experience shows that our newsletters are widely reposted and forwarded across the Internet. That nets us new subscribers and members as well as greatly expanding the exposure of our work. In 2014 it is again estimated that EJF newsletters are seen by upwards of 200,000 readers around the globe.

EJF newsletters published in 2014³⁴

- *March 1, 2014* — Colorado's wild west "roll your own" election rules
- *March 15, 2014* — Treated unfairly due to my disabilities in battered women's shelter
- *June 5, 2014* — Advances in battlefield medicine are not matched at home by Al Maurer
- *June 21, 2014* — The worldview that makes the underclass by Anthony Daniels, M.D.
- *July 3, 2014* — Social versus criminal justice - Part 1 by Doug Traubel and Charles Corry

32. Available at ejfi.org/News/Voting-March_1_2014.htm.

33. Note that about one third of all email users change their address each year and updating the EJF mailing list represents a major effort.

34. EJF newsletters are available at ejfi.org/Press_releases.htm.

- *July 20, 2014* — Social versus criminal justice - Part 2 by Doug Traubel and Charles Corry
- *October 17, 2014* — Judicial retention - 2014 review of Colorado judges
- *November 11, 2014* — Death of a soldier

In addition, EJF members are sent periodic notices of events, legislation, and other items of interest to the Foundation and its members.

Web sites

In addition to our newsletters and numerous public presentations, a principal means used to communicate with the public are two web sites: a parent site at *ejfi.org* and our original site, Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado at *dvmen.org*. It should also be noted that nearly half the authors on our sites are women in a deliberate attempt to provide diverse and balanced viewpoints on the issues we work on. However, that should not be taken to mean we only accept, or promote a “politically correct” view. **Far from it!**

Our work is not for the easily offended or the dogmatic ideologue. Our interest is with truth and equal justice as best we can determine those goals through research, logic, and reason.

Equal Justice Foundation web site

The *ejfi.org* site currently contains six books:

- **Families and Marriage** — www.ejfi.org/family/family.htm.
- **Global Domestic Violence** — www.ejfi.org/DV/dv.htm.
- **Civilization** — www.ejfi.org/Civilization/Civilization.htm
- **Prohibitions and War on Drugs** — www.ejfi.org/Prohibition/Prohibition.htm.
- **Courts and Civil Liberties** — www.ejfi.org/Courts/Courts.htm.
- **Vote fraud and Election Issues** — www.ejfi.org/Voting/Voting.htm.
- **Six additional supplemental sections** — The war against veterans, Emerson story, newsletters, introduction, what an individual can do to help, and an extensive list of:

*Links to more than 1,000 related web sites are provided covering.*³⁵

- Men's And Women's Resources — By state for forty-nine states.
- Issues of Public Interest — Sites in the United States for fourteen issues.
- Issues of Public Interest — Twenty-six countries other than the United States.
- Authors, Columnists, Institutes, and Newspapers.
- Mental Health.
- Children, Family, Marriage, And Elder Abuse.
- Veterans Issues and Resources
- Women's Issues.
- Gay And Lesbian Issues.
- Surveillance Hardware And Software.

35. URL is ejfi.org/Help/Help.htm

- Law Research And Legal Help.
- State of Colorado.
- United States Government.

The fact that we constantly receive requests from other groups and companies to be added to our Help lists is proof that this feature is widely used.

Domestic Violence Against Men In Colorado web site

This web site includes sixteen chapters with more than one-hundred-fifty essays by thirty-four male and female authors, as well as numerous vignettes outlining the experience of abused and murdered men in Colorado.

During 2012 the many stories told in women's own words of the horrors visited on females as well by the DV industry grew to the point that they were expanded into a separate chapter and moved to the Global Domestic Violence book.³⁶ That section continued to grow in 2014.

Web site usage through 2014

After several years of rapid growth, usage of our web sites has leveled off since 2006. 2010 was the first complete year for which unique visitor data was available.

Combined usage for both EJF web sites in 2014 averaged 267,000+ page views and 56,600+ unique visitors per month. Usage of each site is roughly equal and the sites continue to be widely used by schools and universities.

Facebook

Beginning in 2010 the EJF established a Facebook page where links to articles of interest are posted.³⁷ Also pictures of EJF events, members, directors, and officers are posted as well as discussion items regarding topics of interest.

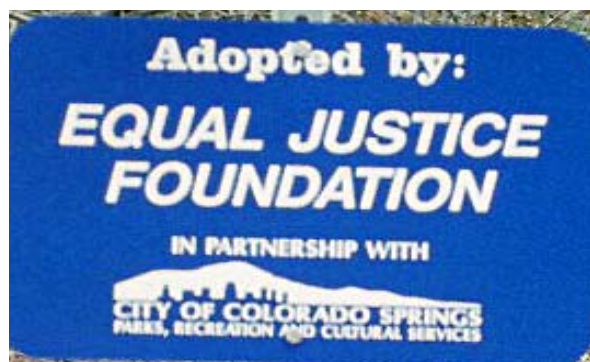
EJF members and others are encouraged to Like and post on the EJF Facebook page.

36. See Chapter 5 at ejfi.org/DV/dv.htm.

37. URL is www.facebook.com/ejfi.org.

Other public service

Bear Creek Park, Colorado Springs, Colorado



The Equal Justice Foundation headquarters are located adjacent to Bear Creek Park on the west side of Colorado Springs. One part of the park is owned and operated by the city and the other part by El Paso County with the EJF located basically on the dividing line between the two parks.

Several years ago Dr. Corry and Ms. Vaughn took on litter control on Bear Creek Road that follows Bear Creek up the canyon to Pike National Forest.

In October 2006 a Colorado Springs City sign (shown above) acknowledging EJF was installed in Bear Creek Park. El Paso County Parks later installed a similar sign for their portion of the road. We now have three signs promoting the Equal Justice Foundation on Bear Creek Road. Since Bear Creek parks are immensely popular we have received a great deal of attention from these signs. Even a tourist from Washington, D.C. wrote and commented he'd seen the signs while visiting Colorado Springs.

Other EJF members are encouraged to adopt local roads and parks and seek similar recognition for the Foundation in their localities as such advertising is invaluable for our efforts.



Board members and meetings

The affairs and management of the Foundation are under the control of a Board of Directors consisting of three members who serve staggered three year terms without compensation.

Board meetings are held twice yearly, one in the spring and one in the fall although directors and officers often meet informally more often. Correspondence between officers and directors by email or telephone typically occurs several times a month. In addition, significant events and information about the Foundation and its activities are also sent to all EJF members several times a year via email.

Meetings and the agendas are announced in advance to all Foundation members, who are welcome to and do occasionally attend. Visitors to these meetings are also welcome.

2014 formal meetings

The spring meeting, the twenty-seventh biannual meeting of the Equal Justice Foundation directors, officers, and members convened on Sunday, April 13, 2014, at the Golden Public Library, Golden, Colorado.

The fall meeting, the twenty-eighth biannual meeting, convened on Sunday, November 9, 2014, at the Arvada Public Library, Arvada, Colorado

Minutes of the board meetings are distributed to EJF members in order to keep our far-flung constituency aware of the Foundation's goals and functions.

Board of Directors

As of the end of 2014 the board members are:

Dr. Charles Corry (term ends in spring of 2016)

LaRae Musselman (term ends in spring of 2017)

Fred Bibik, Esq. (term ends in spring of 2015)

Mrs. LaRae Musselman from Longmont, Colorado, completed her third term as a Director at the Spring 2014 meeting. Mrs. Musselman agreed to accept yet another term as a Director, which will end at the spring meeting in 2017. Her stability and continued support of the Foundation has been invaluable.

Officers

The officers of the Equal Justice Foundation serve from year-to-year at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. According to the bylaws, one of the officers must also be on the Board of Directors.

The current Foundation officers are:

Dr. Charles Corry, Colorado Springs — President and Founding Director.

Sheryle Hutter, Aurora — Vice President

Paulette Vaughn, Colorado Springs — Treasurer

Sharall Kinnison, Brighton — Secretary

Officers receive no compensation for their time and efforts on behalf of the Foundation and their many years of devoted service to the Foundation is deeply appreciated.

National and international recognition

In 2014, for the sixteenth consecutive year, Dr. Corry's humanitarian efforts and research were recognized by his inclusion in Who's Who in the World and Who's Who in America.

Treasurer's report

Income

As in all previous years, during 2014 the Foundation was entirely supported by members and contributions. On January 1, 2014, our bank balance was \$1,554.

Dues from new and renewing members amounted to \$1,400, and contributions totaled \$9,443. Total income was thus \$11,071, as compared to \$7,370 in 2013.

The bank balance as of December 31, 2014, was \$6,711.

Operating expenses

Program expenses for legal, accounting, advertising and promotion, supplies, postage, shipping, and printing totaled \$1,620 for the year 2014.

Information technology continued to be the major expense again in 2014 and totaled \$4,524. Those expenses involve Internet connection (includes VOIP telephone), web site maintenance, computer repairs and hardware, and software and upgrades without which the Foundation could not function in a technological world.

Support for the Windows XP system on our PC ended in 2014 and required an upgrade. Just as the upgrade to Windows System 7 was complete the motherboard on our old PC failed and a new computer had to be purchased.

Management costs

Accounting costs, legal, and corporate registration, totaled just \$286 and therefore our overhead ratio was a miniscule 2.6%.

As a public charity we receive a substantial discount in fees on dues and contributions submitted via PayPal and that payment method has proven a great boon to our fundraising efforts. However, checks are still most welcome!

Total expenses

Total Foundation expenses for the year were \$5,984.