# **Equal Justice Foundation**

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# 2019 Annual Report

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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, and in support of charitable efforts with veterans.

2019 was our eighteenth 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.

# **Projects in 2019**

## Domestic violence, families, marriage, children

As we have since our founding, the Equal Justice Foundation continued to provide solace and hope to men and women hit with the draconian laws fostered by berserk feminists.

Without question, false allegations of domestic violence have continued unabated and are now coupled with a growing problem with far too often unsupported and trivial charges of sexual

assault and harassment. In addition, the legislature has created a whole new category of drug offenses that cater to district attorneys seemingly insatiable appetite for locking people up and destroying their lives.

Given our limited resources we are extremely proud of the global impact the Foundation has, and the work we have done and continue to do.

## Working with veterans

One of the cruelest aspects of what happens to veterans is that under current laws any manifestation or expression of post traumatic stress (PTS) or a traumatic brain injury (TBI) is defined as "domestic violence." As a result, veterans are far too often arrested and jailed, their marriages and relationships destroyed, their jobs and careers lost, and they are left homeless with only drugs and alcohol for consolation. The Equal Justice Foundation is working to end that injustice! Treatment is cheaper and more effective than incarceration for conditions they suffered in service to their country!

The Crawford House is a VA and community-supported shelter for homeless veterans in Colorado Springs that we worked closely with. Unfortunately, a severe storm blew the roof off their building in March 2019 and it has been closed ever since.

In November 2015 the Foundation donated an advanced massage chair to the Colorado Institute of Massage Therapy that was used in a cooperative program we had established with the school to provide free massages for homeless veterans in the VA PHP substance abuse program and at Crawford House. However, in May 2019 the VA staff running the PHP program resigned and that program ended but veterans can still go to the <u>Colorado Institute of Massage Therapy</u> and use the massage chair for free.

The Foundation was also participating in the Colorado Integrated Military Support (CIMS) group in voluntary cooperation with other veteran support groups. But the Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center took that program over when the previous leader retired from the Air Force. The people at Mt. Carmel moved the meetings from once a month to once a quarter and participation dwindled to zero.

#### Veteran court and treatment of veterans under the law

In 2008 the Equal Justice Foundation helped pioneer the first <u>veteran court</u> in Colorado and in 2010 worked to get enabling legislation for the entire state passed.

In 2008 no one in the county had any idea of how many veterans were being arrested, or on what charges. The Foundation approached the El Paso County Sheriff and, with some trepidation, his office began producing a daily report on veteran arrests in mid-2010 that is distributed via email. Dr. Corry has been tabulating these daily reports since July 20, 2010, and we have published <u>two reports and additional information</u> on our findings. A ten-year summary is planned for the year 2020.

El Paso County, CO, is unique in that is has five large military bases within its boundaries. In addition to tens of thousands of active-duty military personnel, in 2019 there were ~85,000 resident veterans. The continuing tabulation of veteran arrests shows that 13% of all veterans in the county have been arrested and rearrested ~22,000 times since July 2010.

The various charges were analyzed after the <u>first year</u> in an extensive report that was widely distributed and is still often referenced. In a review of that report, Jeff Wright pointed out that <u>When Johnny Comes Marching Home, Again...He Goes To Jail</u>, which is far, far too often the literal truth.

The only way we've found to describe what is being done is as a war against veterans.

It is clear that the arrest and conviction often makes the veteran homeless, unable to get a job, get a security clearance, and many other lifetime penalties that too often lead to despair and death in a downward spiral over an estimated period of five or so years. In cooperation with the El Paso County Coroner, the EJF has published a <u>preliminary study</u> of veterans who were first arrested and then died in the county. That study continues as time permits.

#### Courts

As we have done since our inception, we continued to monitor courts and judges. Our findings on <u>Colorado judges are presented here.</u>

Our major effort regarding courts in 2019 was the article <u>Systemic Destruction of Public</u> <u>Safety by the Justice System</u> posted on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Web sites

The <u>domestic violence against men in Colorado</u> web site is heavily used by both men and women in over a hundred other countries, as well as people in every state in the United States. We get similar usage of the <u>global domestic violence</u> book where domestic violence against men stories are presented from every state except North Dakota, as well as our and others research articles on domestic violence.

In addition to our work on domestic violence, our sites on <u>civilization</u>; <u>families and</u> <u>marriage</u>; <u>courts</u>, <u>veteran courts</u>, <u>and civil liberties</u>; <u>prohibitions and War on Drugs</u>; <u>vote</u> <u>fraud and elections issues</u>; as well as a <u>FaceBook page</u>, attract global attention and usage.

In 2019 we published the following **<u>newsletters</u>**:

- January 13, 2019 Critique of articles in Colorado Springs Gazette on domestic violence
- February 22, 2019 Post traumatic stress and injustice
- April 15, 2019 Systemic destruction of public safety by the justice system
- November 19, 2019 Marriage's end

Our <u>help site</u> remains very popular and about once a week we are asked to add another site link and description to the existing tabulation.

By non-profit standards our web site usage is huge. In 2018 they averaged **3,000 unique visitors a day.** Unfortunately, due to various disasters outlined below, usage in 2019 fell to about 2,000 unique visitors a day, still an impressive number for a small public charity like the Equal Justice Foundation.

Incidentally, if you want to check usage statistics for yourself for any month from June 2009 on, you can enter ejfi.org/webalizer/usage\_yyyymm.html for the parent site and dvmen.org/ webalizer/usage\_yyyymm.html for the domestic violence site in your web browser, and substitute the four digit year for yyyy and the two digit month for mm. Or leave off the ~/ usage\_yyymm.html and you will get currently available statistics for up to the past twelve

months.

Also on our web site we make available a number of **brochures and reports**; reports on what experience has led us to regard as a **war against veterans**; handouts for **domestic violence**, **restraining orders**, **and rape**; reports, videos, and forms to help with **courtwatching and describing our efforts at court reform**; and the best form of advertising there is, **bumper stickers**. And if you have problems with trespassers we also have **No Trespassing signs** available and as **"Red Flag" laws** proliferate citizens are likely to need more of these. We also distribute these reports and flyers widely whenever opportunity offers. Others are encouraged to download and distribute them as well!

# Help desk

In 2019 we continued to offer help when requested.

# **Illness and deaths**

2019 was a disastrous year for officers and directors of the Foundation:

- In late April-early May Dr. Corry developed viral meningitis and, though he recovered, he has no memory of events or places from May through July 2019.
- Long-time Vice President Sheryle Hutter died in hospital on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Corry, Director Robert Alvarez, and Treasurer Paulette Vaughn attended services for her in Aurora.
- Also on October 13<sup>th</sup> Director Col. Harold Emick and his friend were killed in an accident when his jeep spun out on Transfer Road near his ranch on the Uncompany Uplift in western Colorado.
- On December 2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer Paulette Vaughn was given a drug at the Memorial Hospital Central in Colorado Springs that caused a severe reaction. Treatment at the emergency room of that hospital made her condition much worse and she narrowly escaped death.

# **Board of Directors and Officers**

Under its Articles of Incorporation, Directors of the Equal Justice Foundation serve staggered three year terms. Terms expire as of the spring meeting of each year.

At the end of 2019 the remaining board members were:

*Dr. Charles Corry* (term renewed until spring of 2022) *Vacant Robert Alvarez* (term ends in spring of 2021)

Dr. Corry and Alvarez, both former Marines, worked together in 2008-2010 to help pioneer veteran courts in Colorado when Alvarez was previously on the board.

# 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 remaining Foundation officers are:

Dr. Charles Corry, Colorado Springs — President and Founding Director. Vacant— Vice President Paulette Vaughn, Colorado Springs — Treasurer Marianne Mogon — 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.

# 2019 board meetings

Directors and officers of the Foundation met on May 11, 2019, and again on September 21, 2019.

# **Treasurer's report**

## Income

As in all previous years, during 2019 the Foundation was entirely supported by members and contributions. On January 1, 2019, our total assets amounted to \$85.

Dues and contributions totaled \$5,532.

Cash on hand as of December 31, 2019, was \$1,104.

## **Operating expenses**

Program expenses for legal, accounting, advertising and promotion, supplies, postage, shipping, and printing totaled \$802 in 2019.

Information technology continued to be the major expense again in 2019 and totaled \$1,581. Those expenses involve Internet connection (includes VOIP telephone), web site maintenance, computer repairs and replacements, as well as software and upgrades without which the Foundation could not function in a technological world.

In addition the Foundation supplied disabled veterans with used computers, software, and help with vehicle expenses for a total cost of \$228.

#### Management costs

Accounting costs, legal, and corporate registration, totaled just \$46 and therefore our overhead ratio was a minuscule 1.8%.

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, money orders, or cash are still most welcome!

#### Total expenses

Total Foundation expenses for 2019 were \$2,611.