

*Ave Maria School of Law Presents*

**2012**  
**The Law of Life Summit**  
*Law + Media + Action*



**The National Press Club**  
**Washington D.C.**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Room**  
Saturday, January 21, 2012  
From 4:00 pm to 6:00pm



**Program Schedule (subject to change)**

**“Engaging Local Communities”**

<b>Doors Open</b>	4:00 pm
Mixer	4:00 pm to 4:20 pm
Program Begins	4:25 pm
Vision Statement by Summit Organizer Royce Hood	4:25 pm
Pro-Life Prayer with Chaplain Michael Orsi, AMSL	4:26 pm
<b>Distinguished Guest Introductions:</b>	4:27pm to 4:30pm
- Mandi Campbell / Liberty Counsel	
- Kellie Fiedorek / Americans United For Life	
- Thomas Brejcha & Peter Breen / Thomas More Society	
- Samuel Casey / Law of Life Project	
- Alan Parker / Justice Foundation	
- Leslie Palma / Priest for Life	
- Samuel Lee / Pro-Life Lobbyist, Campaign Life, Missouri Deacon, Winner of the 2011 Legatus Cardinal O’Connor Award	4:30 pm to 4:32 pm
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	
Dr. Pat Castle, LIFE Group 413, National LIFE Runners	4:33 pm
<b>Distinguished Speakers:</b>	<b>4:35 pm</b>
Stuart Nolan, Esq / Legal Works Apostolate	4:36 pm to 4:44 pm
Professor O.C. Snead / Notre Dame School of Law	4:45 pm to 4:53 pm
Dana Cody, Esq / Life Legal Defense Foundation	4:54 pm to 5:02 pm
Kristin Hawkins / Ex. Dir. Students for Life	5:03 pm to 5:11 pm

Anne Carmichael / Vice. Pres. Vitae Foundation	5:12 pm to 5:20 pm
John-Henry Westen / LifeSiteNews.com	5:22 pm to 5:30 pm
Chaplain Michael Orsi / AMSL	5:30 pm

### **Presentation of Law of Life Achievement Award**

#### **Off-The-Record Special Guest**

Nellie Gray / March for Life	5:32 pm to 5:40 pm
Closing Mixer	5:40 pm to 6:00 pm

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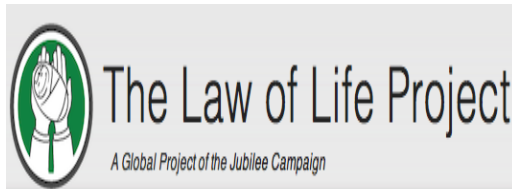
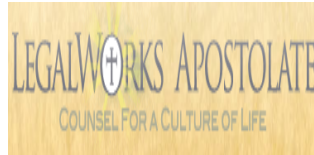
Forty years in the desert is long enough! We are now in the thirty-ninth year since infanticide has been made legal in the United States by an errant Supreme Court. Over these years countless pro-life organizations have fought to have this abominable action overturned. Although incremental gains have been made in some states to limit the far-reaching power of *Roe v. Wade*, a truly combined effort has yet to emerge.

This Summit for Life is the beginning of a cooperative effort to restore the God-given natural right to life found in our Constitution. The expertise of those attending this Summit as well as the cadre of young leaders and aspiring lawyers dedicated to Human Rights is the vanguard that will bring us into the Promised Land where there will be Liberty and Justice for all --the born and the unborn.

The goals set today will change our country. To quote the great Ronald Reagan, "It's morning in America!"

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Michael P. Orsi





**Father Michael P. Orsi** was ordained for the Diocese of Camden in 1976 and has a broad background in teaching and educational administration. Fr. Orsi has authored and co-authored four books and over 300 articles in over 45 journals, magazines and newspapers. He has served as Assistant Chancellor, Assistant Vicar for Pastoral Services, Director of Family Life Bureau, and Coordinator of Pope John Paul II's visit to New Jersey for the Diocese of Camden.

He has also served as a member of The Institute for Genomic Research at the University of Pennsylvania and as a member of New Jersey's Advisory Council on AIDS. Fr. Orsi holds a Doctorate in Education from Fordham University, two Master degrees in Theology from Saint Charles Seminary, and a Bachelor of Arts from Cathedral College. He is presently serving as Chaplain and Research Fellow in Law and Religion at Ave Maria School of Law, Naples, Florida. He is a member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars. In 2005 Fr. Orsi was appointed as a Senior Research Associate to the Linacre Center for Bioethics, London, England. Fr. Orsi co-hosts a weekly radio program The Advocate which discusses law and culture on WDEO-AM 990, WMAX-AM 1440 in metro Detroit and WDEO-FM 98.5 [www.avemarialaw.edu](http://www.avemarialaw.edu)

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**Royce Hood** is a third year student at Ave Maria School of Law, Founder of MariaNews.com and Organizer of the Law of Life Summit.

*"The goal of this Summit is to create unity, a vision and objectives for ending Roe v. Wade. We need as much of the pro-life movement as possible to march in the same direction. Together we are a force that can and will defeat the evils of abortion."*

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**William Sullivan** is a third year student at Ave Maria School of Law, Vice-President of the Student Bar Association and President of Lex Vitae Society (AMSL).

*"This event calls for members of the legal community to embrace their obligation as doctors of the law with creative advocacy for life. And the brothers and sisters of the Lex Vitae Society at Ave Maria School of Law are excited to be part of such an event that asks for more unity and continuity in the culture of life."*

## Master of Ceremonies:

**Dr. Pat Castle** | Co- Founder/President and Coach of the National LIFE Runners



*“The Law of Life Summit is an awesome synergistic mix of Pro-Life leadership, grass-roots action, and mentorship that will fuel our final push to overturn Roe. This inspired, mission-focused group realizes the infinite value of each life, which does not allow for any exceptions or truces.*

*To overturn Roe, we need a unified group that is willing to take the Gospel of Life into the streets and halls of justice. This Summit is not a one-time event, but the first step down the homestretch to cross the finish line of abortion (Heb 12:1-2). Please join us...All In Christ...for Pro-Life!” – Pat Castle*

Pat is a catalyst for Pro-Life! He grew up in Sioux Falls, SD. After graduating from the Air Force Academy in 1993, his military service was in IL, TX, CO, CA, and Turkey (currently a LtCol at Scott AFB near St. Louis). He was blessed to unite with Angi in the Sacrament of Marriage in 1994. They teamed up with God to welcome their daughters Paige (2000) and Grace (2003). Pat earned analytical chemistry degrees from the U of IL (MS 1994, PhD 2005). He was selected for the National Defense Univ WMD-prevention group for leaders (2008) and was selected for the Notre Dame Vita Institute for human life ministry leaders (2011).

His Air Force career is split between bioenvironmental engineering (OSHA, EPA, CBRN) and teaching chemistry at the AF Academy (associate professor). Pat led the development of the Dean’s model Ethics Across the Curriculum program (1997-2000) and worked with the Academy’s Center for Character & Leadership Development (2008-2009). Pat is tethered to the Catholic Christian faith but actively ecumenical.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus (since 1992).

In addition to the LIFE Group Devotions (est 2007), his ministry leadership includes 6 yrs with Bible study groups (founded Christians In Action, co-founded Chemists for Christ, led Incirlik Catholic Men of the Chapel); 6 yrs with youth education and retreat programs; 8 yrs with Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA); and Engaged Encounter (2011).

Pat is the co-founder and coach for the National LIFE Runners Team (est 2008) that raises Pro-Life prayers, awareness and funds while training for marathons. With 15 marathons, his best finishes include the 2007 Marine Corps (2:53), 2008 Pikes Peak (17th), 2008 Chicago (2:54), 2009 Boston (2:59), 2009 Great Wall of China (2nd, 45 countries), 2010 St. Louis (2:59) and 2010 Sioux Falls (7th). Pat is the 2010 Scott AFB Athlete of the Year (out of 4,250 military). His license plate holder reads, “I Vote ProLife.” Life verse: “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me” Phil 4:13. pat@LIFEgroup413.org.

## Distinguished Guests:

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**Mandi Campbell:** Mandi D. Campbell is the Legal Director of the Liberty Center for Law and Policy, a partnership between the Liberty University School of Law and Liberty Counsel, the Director of Public Policy for Liberty Counsel Action, and is an Adjunct Professor of Paralegal Studies at Liberty University School of Law. Mandi focuses her time on monitoring and analyzing legislation and policy and working with local, state, and federal elected and appointed officials and agencies in drafting legislation that relates to the sanctity of life, the family, and religious liberties. Mandi also interfaces with elected and appointed government officials to open opportunities for internships and externships for students. Mandi began her career in law as a legal secretary for a small firm in Georgia while she completed her Bachelor of Business Administration at Augusta State University. After completing her BBA, Mandi attended Liberty University School of Law, where she obtained her Juris Doctor. While there, she participated in moot court and served as Historian of the Student Bar Association. Mandi began working with Liberty Counsel in 2007, assumed her current position as Legal Director of the Liberty Center for Law and Policy in 2009, became the Director of Public Policy for Liberty Counsel Action in 2011, and began teaching this year. Mandi is licensed to practice law in the state of Georgia. [www.LC.org](http://www.LC.org)

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**Thomas Brejcha:** Tom Brejcha brings over 35 years of legal experience to his work as president and chief counsel of the Thomas More Society, and has been fighting court battles for pro-lifers for over 25 years. Tom grew up in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood, graduating from Mt. Carmel H.S. and then from the University of Notre Dame, where he drafted the school's first honor code and won a President's Medallion from Fr. Hesburgh. He was a Root-Tilden Scholar and Executive Board Editor of the Law Review at New York University Law School. Serving as an Army Captain in Vietnam from 1969-70, Tom won a Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal. After studying on the G.I. Bill at the Sorbonne in Paris, Tom joined a Chicago law firm led by Barnabas F. Sears, who was then Special Prosecutor investigating police shootings of Black Panther leaders. Tom went on to become a successful business litigator in antitrust, securities, and labor cases—including two cases that reached the Supreme Court. In 1986, Tom became lead counsel for the infamous *N.O.W. v. Scheidler* case that Tom took the U.S. Supreme Court three times winning 8-1 (2003) and 8-0 (2006). Countless organizations have bestowed many awards upon Tom for his extraordinary legal work and pro-life commitment some of which include the Pro-Life Action League, Catholic Citizens of Illinois, National Lawyers Association, and Illinois Students for Life. [www.ThomasMoreSociety.org](http://www.ThomasMoreSociety.org)

**Peter Breen:** Peter Breen is the Executive Director and Legal Council of the Thomas More Society. Peter brings broad experience in the private, political, and charitable sectors to the Thomas More Society. Before joining the Thomas More Society, Peter was the founder and Executive Director of two pregnancy crisis centers in two suburbs of Chicago. At the invitation of Tom Brejcha, Peter joined the firm in 2008 and now directs the day-to-day operations. Originally a patent attorney, Peter now focuses his law practice the protection of First Amendment rights and on end of life issues. After earning his bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering from Vanderbilt University in just three years, Peter attended the University of Notre Dame Law School on scholarship. Peter was elected a Trustee of the Village of Lombard, Illinois, in April, 2011 where he currently serves his community. [www.ThomasMoreSociety.org](http://www.ThomasMoreSociety.org)

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**Samuel Casey:** Samuel Casey is the *Managing Director & General Counsel* for the Jubilee Campaign's Law of Life Project. Mr. Casey served for the two years prior as the *Executive Vice President and General Counsel* of Advocates International. For over 14 years before to that time, Mr. Casey served as the Christian Legal Society's *Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer* from June 1, 1994 until October 15, 2008, where he was responsible for the general oversight CLS' CENTER FOR LAW & RELIGIOUS FREEDOM and its life advocacy affiliate, HUMAN LIFE ADVOCATES, LLC. As a public interest lawyer, Mr. Casey is well-known for his legal advocacy work defending the sanctity of human life before various state and federal courts and legislative bodies, including the United States Congress and United States Supreme Court. As a pro-life advocate, he has appeared on various radio and television talk shows, and been quoted in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today* and *Washington Post*, to name a few, in defense of the inalienability of human life, the health care right of conscience, the pregnancy care industry, bioethics and the advancement of human embryo adoption. [www.LawofLifeProject.org](http://www.LawofLifeProject.org)

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## **Americans United for Life**

**Kellie Fiedorek:** Kellie Fiedorek is Staff Counsel for Americans United for Life. Kellie formerly worked as a Legal Intern for Americans United for Life in 2008-2009 and was a Blackstone Fellow with the Alliance Defense Fund. During her summer 2008 Blackstone Fellowship, she worked for the General Counsel of CareNet, an umbrella organization for crisis pregnancy centers across the country. In May 2009, Kellie graduated from Ave Maria School of Law where she served as Secretary of the Student Bar Association and Special Events Chair of the pro-life law student group, Lex Vitae. She was on the Moot Court Board and was an active member of the St. Thomas More Society Kellie has also worked for the Susan B. Anthony List and participated in the Burke Fellowship with the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute. Kellie earned her BA cum laude in Theology from the University of Dallas in 2006. Kellie is also the National Coordinator and co-founder of Advocates for Life, a national association for pro-life law students and an initiative of Americans United for Life. [www.AUL.org](http://www.AUL.org)

## The Justice Foundation



**Allan E. Parker** is the President of the Justice Foundation, is a former Professor of Law at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, where he taught Education Law and Civil Procedure.

He was a Visiting Professor at the University of Texas, and studied International Human Rights at the International Human Rights Institute in Strasbourg, France. He taught International Human Rights at the St. Mary's Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria in 1992.

The Justice Foundation is the lead counsel for Norma McCorvey, formerly "*Roe*" of *Roe v. Wade*, and Sandra Cano, the "*Doe*" of *Doe v. Bolton*, in their effort to overturn the two landmark cases that brought legalized abortion on demand to America. "***Both women are deeply concerned and have come to the conviction that abortion is not the answer for women who are in a vulnerable pregnancy,***" said Allan Parker, President of the Justice Foundation.

Mr. Parker is the author of numerous works on school choice and a frequent lecturer on education topics. He and the Justice Foundation were selected in 1996 by the Texas State Board of Education to evaluate the Texas Open-Enrollment Charter Program.

Prior to teaching, Mr. Parker was in the general civil practice of law as a trial lawyer. He was Board Certified in Civil Trial (1987-1992) and Personal Injury Trial Law (1988-1993) by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Mr. Parker received his J.D. degree with high honors from the University of Texas School of Law in 1979. He was an Associate Editor of the Texas Law Review, a Chancellor, Order of the Coif, and Order of Barristers for his outstanding advocacy skills. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Oklahoma with a B.A. in Economics in 1974.

The Justice Foundation provides free legal representation in landmark cases to protect women's health, property rights, limited government, free markets and parental rights. TJF, through litigation and education, seeks to protect the fundamental freedoms and rights essential to the preservation of American society. To reinvigorate public education, strengthen the family, and promote the private sector business climate, government must be limited to its traditional and appropriate role.



## Noteworthy Biography



**Deacon Samuel H. Lee** - Samuel H. Lee, 54, of St. Louis, Missouri is founder and director of Campaign Life Missouri, a pro-life lobbying organization. Sam has been active in the pro-life movement since 1978, when as a college student he became involved in, and helped lead, peaceful abortion clinic “sit-ins” in St. Louis. From 1978 to 1986, he was arrested about 50 times, and spent 7½ months in jail in 1983-84.

In 1980 he and other “sit-in” activists founded Our Lady’s Inn, an emergency shelter for pregnant women and their children in St. Louis, which opened its doors in 1982 and is still operating today.

In the early 1980’s, he became active in the political and legislative wing of the right-to-life movement, and began lobbying in the Missouri state capitol. Sam was one of the drafters of, and helped pass, the 1986 Missouri pro-life law that was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in the 1989 landmark decision *Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services*. That law, among other provisions, declared that individual human life begins at conception, prohibited the use of public funds, facilities and employees for abortion, and required testing to determine viability prior to an abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

Sam has been a full-time pro-life lobbyist for 28 years in the Missouri General Assembly. He has been involved in the passage of numerous other pro-life laws, in addition to the 1986 law at issue in the *Webster* case, such as:

- Requiring a 24-hour waiting period for women considering abortion and expanding informed consent provisions, such as ultrasound and fetal development information;
- Banning “partial birth” abortions;
- State income tax credits for donors to maternity homes and pregnancy resource centers;
- Cutting off state tax dollars (family planning funds) to Planned Parenthood;
- Prohibiting Planned Parenthood and abortion providers from teaching sex ed in public schools;
- Creating and funding the “Missouri Alternatives to Abortion Services Program” and the “Missouri Alternatives to Abortion Public Awareness Program”;
- Mandating that abortion doctors have clinical privileges at a hospital offering OB/GYN care, which is within 30 miles of where the abortion is performed;
- Making it easier for parents to sue those who take their minor daughter across state lines for an abortion without their permission;
- Compelling abortion clinics to be licensed as ambulatory surgical centers; and
- Prohibiting abortions for fetal tissue transplants.

Sam is one of the central figures in the 1998 book *Articles of Faith: A Frontline History of the Abortion Wars*, which National Right to Life News editor Dave Andrusko praised as “prodigiously researched” and “a tribute to perseverance and intellectual integrity.”

In 2008, Sam was ordained a deacon for the Archdiocese of St. Louis by Archbishop (now Cardinal) Raymond L. Burke. Sam has been married for 28 years to Gloria F. Lee, who was executive director for 13 years at Our Lady’s Inn, and who is now the operations manager. They have four children and one grandchild. Sam & Gloria are members of All Souls Catholic Church in Overland (in St. Louis County), Missouri.



*Dear Friends of Life,*

*Thank you for being part of the Law of Life Summit hosted by Ave Maria School of Law. My own long relationship and collaboration with the law school, as well as my conviction of the necessity of measurable and achievable pro-life initiatives, make this a particularly exciting summit for me. My entire team at Priests for Life is ready to work with you to achieve goals that will use the greatest strengths of the pro-life movement against the greatest weaknesses of the abortion industry. Let's be bold, courageous, and prayerful, and let's persevere in building the Culture of Life together. The Lord of Life will not disappoint us.*

*Sincerely,*

*Fr. Frank Pavone*

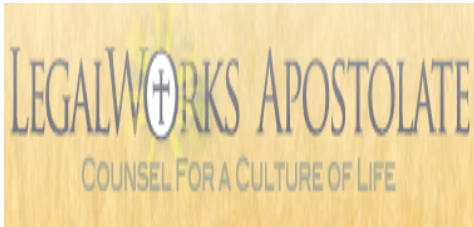
*National Director, Priests for Life*

**Priests for Life** was founded in 1991 in San Francisco with a goal of empowering Catholic priests to be the best possible advocates for life. Since Father Frank Pavone took over as National Director in 1993 and moved the organization to New York City, Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries have remained true to that mission while also growing in outreach -- to women and men harmed by their abortion experiences; to African-Americans, Hispanics and youth. Priests for Life has a presence at the United Nations and works with leaders across the globe in working to stop the spread of "abortion on demand" laws. In the political realm, the organization provides materials for voters, and for religious congregations and charitable organizations that might be unsure of how active they can be politically.

**Summit Guest: Leslie Palma-Simoncek** is the Communications Director for Priests for Life. Leslie was a newspaper reporter and editor for the secular media for 28 years before joining Priests for Life as communications director in 2009. She lives in New Jersey with her husband, Edward, and three children. [www.PriestsForLife.org](http://www.PriestsForLife.org)

**Stuart W. Nolan, Jr., Esq., Managing Attorney | Legal Works Apostolate**

**Stu Nolan** primarily represents broadcast spectrum users and especially those interested in expanding the coverage of evangelistic media. He is general counsel to, and an officer of, the Catholic Radio Association. Stu represents many of the Catholic Radio Association's member Church institutions and lay apostolates.



*Stu routinely assists clients with administrative litigation, transactions involving broadcast facilities, and regulatory compliance, business entity formation, tax exemption recognition, copyright, First Amendment and appellate practice.*

The founder of LegalWorks Apostolate, PLLC, Stu is also founder and chairman of the WitnessWorks Foundation for a Culture of Life. He is a director of Human Life International, the world's largest international pro-life advocacy organization, and serves on the Board of Advisors of Life Decisions International.

In addition, he is a member of the National Lawyers Association, the Federalist Society, the Brent Society, John Carroll Society, the Thomas More Society, and Federal Communications Bar Association. Stu began his legal career by representing broadcasters at the Washington, DC, law firm of Wood, Maines & Brown, Chartered, beginning a tenure that would stretch for a dozen years working alongside the firm's majority shareholder, Barry D. Wood, Esq. Stu became a shareholder in the firm, then known as Wood, Maines & Nolan, PC, and the firm re-located across the Potomac River to Arlington, Virginia. He left the firm in late 2010 in order to focus entirely on an expressly faith-driven law practice. (His previous firm is now known as Wood Martin & Hardy, PC.)

Born and raised in Altoona, Pennsylvania, Stu earned his law degree at Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law in 1998. He was a research assistant in that school's Law & Religion Program and earned certificates from its Institute for Communications Law Studies and from a special program in Law & Public Policy. He is a member of the Virginia Bar and is admitted to practice before the Federal Courts of Appeals for the District Columbia and Fourth Circuits.

Prior to beginning his legal career, Stu received his undergraduate degree in political science and communications from American University in 1992. He then worked extensively in the public policy realm of Washington, DC, gaining experience at think tanks such as the Heritage Foundation, Capital Research Center, and the Progress & Freedom Foundation, as well as the Federal Communications Commission, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, and as a clerk with a legislative law practice.

Stu and his wife, Cynthia, have been married for 17 years and have been blessed with five children, ages 2 to 12 years. They are active in parish life at St. John the Baptist parish in Front Royal, Virginia, and in the John Carrell Jenkins council of the Knights of Columbus, where Stu is a member of the Fourth Degree. He is a Past Grand Knight of St. John Bosco Council #12846 in Springfield, Virginia.

[www.LegalWorks.com](http://www.LegalWorks.com)

## Professor O.C. Snead | Notre Dame School of Law

Professor Carter Snead joined the faculty of University of Notre Dame Law School in 2005. His principal area of research is Public Bioethics – the governance of science, medicine, and biotechnology in the name of ethical goods. His scholarly works have explored issues relating to neuroethics, enhancement, stem cell research, abortion, and end-of-life decision-making.



His articles appear in such publications as the New York University Law Review, the Harvard Law Review Forum, the Vanderbilt Law Review, Constitutional Commentary, Quaderni Costituzionali, the Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law and Ethics, the Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, and Political Science Quarterly. Professor Snead teaches Law & Bioethics, Torts, and Constitutional Criminal Procedure. In addition to his scholarship and teaching, Professor Snead has provided advice on the legal and public policy dimensions of bioethical questions to officials in all three branches of the U.S. government, and in several intergovernmental fora.

Prior to joining the law faculty at Notre Dame, Professor Snead served as General Counsel to The President’s Council on Bioethics (Chaired by Dr. Leon R. Kass), where he was the primary drafter of the 2004 report, “Reproduction and Responsibility: The Regulation of New Biotechnologies.” In 2006, he testified in the U.S. House of Representatives on regulatory questions concerning RU-486 (the abortion pill).

From 2004 to 2005, Professor Snead led the U.S. government delegation and served as its chief negotiator for the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (adopted in October 2005). He served (along with Dr. Edmund Pellegrino) as U.S. government’s Permanent Observer to the Council of Europe’s Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI), where he assisted in its efforts to elaborate international instruments and standards for the ethical governance of science and medicine. In conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), he regularly lectures to state and federal judges on the uses of neuroimaging in the courtroom. He was recently appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO to a four-year term on the International Bioethics Committee (IBC), a 36-member body of independent experts that advises member states on bioethics, law, and public policy. The IBC is the only bioethics commission in the world with a global mandate.

Professor Snead received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Georgetown University (where he was elected to the Order of the Coif), and his B.A. from St. John’s College (Annapolis, MD). He clerked for the Hon. Paul J. Kelly, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

## Dana Cody, Esq., Executive Director | Life Legal Defense Foundation

Dana Cody has been championing the rights of women and the unborn for over twenty years. She started as a lay-counselor to women in crisis pregnancies, and then fulfilled her passion to protect women and children victimized by abortion by obtaining her Juris Doctor from Western State University in 1993.



After graduating from law school, she accepted a post-graduate fellowship with the Rutherford Institute, organized to protect religious liberty and free speech rights. Ms. Cody immediately passed the bar and continued as staff counsel for Rutherford Institute's Western Regional Office.

After leaving her position as staff counsel, she went to work as a consultant to the Assembly Education Committee, then chaired by pro-life Assembly Member Steve Baldwin. Assemblyman Baldwin was a member of the Assembly Health Committee, which allowed Ms. Cody to consult Mr. Baldwin on life issues.

In 1996, Ms. Cody accepted the invitation to serve as a board member of Life Legal Defense Foundation. After leaving her consulting position she accepted the position as Life Legal's Executive Director.

Recently Ms. Cody was co-counsel in *People's Advocate v. ICOC*, a suit challenging the constitutionality of the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine to fund human embryonic stem cell research.

Ms. Cody served as an adjunct professor at Trinity Law School in Santa Ana, California, having taught the course *The Fight to Life and the Law*. She also served as a Judge Pro Tem for the Sacramento Superior Court at the Carol Miller Justice Center.

Dana Cody lives in the Jacksonville, Florida area with her husband, Doug, a PGA teaching professional. She has one son, Jeffrey Townsend, who serves in the United States Navy. He resides in Florida with his wife Jennifer, and their children, Evan and Kiley.

[www.LLDF.org](http://www.LLDF.org)

**Notable Mention:** Dana Cody and LLDF have represented Former Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline, who brought the first ever-criminal charges against Planned Parenthood.



## **Kristan Hawkins, Executive Director | Students for Life of America.**

Kristan was hired in 2006 to become Students for Life of America's (SFLA) first Executive Director. Since launching SFLA's full-time operation, Kristan has helped more than tripled the number of campus pro-life groups in the United States, from 181 to over 600, by launching SFLA's Full-Time Field Program.



As Executive Director, Kristan directs the mission and strategy of Students for Life of America. In addition, Kristan serves as the organization's official spokeswoman and has appeared on Fox News, CNN, and the Christian Broadcasting Network. She has been quoted in numerous national and regional newspapers including the Washington Post, Politico, Town Hall, and local publications across the country. Kristan also speaks to youth and adult pro-life organizations across the country to train pro-life activists on how to end abortion in America.

Kristan is known for her work leading the successful Stop the Abortion Mandate Coalition, which brought together over 70 pro-life and pro-family leaders in a national coalition dedicated to stopping government funding of abortion in healthcare reform. In addition, she launched HealthcareforGunner.com in June of 2009, a website dedicated to her son Gunner who suffers from cystic fibrosis, to raise the issue of health care rationing in a government health care systems.

Most recently, Kristan began the Pregnant on Campus Initiative through Students for Life, which allows pro-life students to develop a customized plan with an SFLA Campus Support Coordinator to bring pregnancy and parenting-friendly resources to college campuses across the country.

Kristan came to SFLA after serving as a political appointee in the George W. Bush administration at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Previously, she also worked for the 2004 Bush/Cheney re-election campaign and at the Republican National Committee. Kristan founded and served as President of both her high school and college pro-life organizations.

Kristan first became involved with the pro-life movement after volunteering for a Pregnancy Resource Center during her high school years.

Since working at SFLA, Kristan has been awarded the Susan B. Anthony Young Leader Award, the Dr. William Hogan Education Award for pro-life leadership, the 2009 Weyrich Youth Leadership Award, and a 2010 Life Prize Award. (Watch her speech [here](#).) Kristan's work and passion for the unborn has been featured in numerous publications, including in the Washington Examiner and in Citizen Magazine.

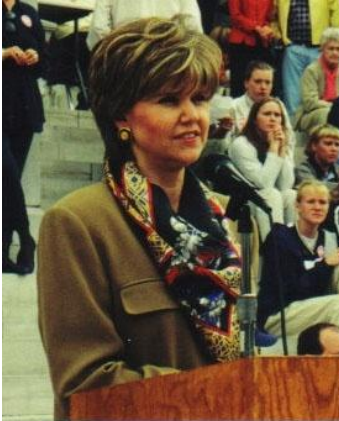
Kristan is a summa cum laude graduate of Bethany College in West Virginia. She resides in Martinsburg, West Virginia with her husband, Jonathan and 2 sons, Gunner and Bear.

[www.StudentsForLife.org](http://www.StudentsForLife.org)

## Anne Carmichael

## Vice President | Vitae Foundation

**Anne Carmichael** is a 30 year veteran pro life activist. She is a Vice President for the Vitae Foundation which is one of the largest and oldest public information campaigns that is changing the culture to one that has a greater respect for human life.



Anne also serves as the Communications Officer and Advisory Committee member for the National LIFE Runners Team. In her previous positions, she was a lobbyist for the Missouri Catholic Conference (legislation relating to abortion and end of life issues). While there, she successfully helped lead the partial-birth abortion legislation to passage then override the Governors veto - which was only the 7<sup>th</sup> override in Missouri's history.

Before her work at the MCC, Anne was the first Executive Director for Missouri Right to Life and during her tenure, the United States Supreme Court handed down the Webster decision (July 1989). A landmark case, originating from a Missouri law passed in 1986 that among other things put in place Missouri's ability to favor childbirth over abortion when it came to State policies. It was discovered in Justice Thurgood Marshall's papers after his death that the first decisions circulated by Chief Justice Rehnquist, overturned Roe vs. Wade (NY Times 5/24/1993 Marshall Papers Reveal Court Behind the Scenes).

She has a BS in Business, graduated *summa cum laude*, recipient of several honors, married 27 years and has 3 children.

[www.VitaeFoundation.org](http://www.VitaeFoundation.org)



John-Henry Westen is the co-founder and editor-in-chief of the first life and family issues news service operating on the internet—LifeSiteNews.com.

A veteran journalist and commentator, John-Henry Westen is the author of thousands of articles on life, family, faith and public affairs; his [LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com) articles have appeared in hundreds of publications worldwide.

He has spoken at conferences and retreats in Canada, Italy, the United States and India. He has appeared on numerous radio and television shows throughout North America, New Zealand, Poland and India.

John-Henry Westen is a happily married father of eight children and sits on the executive of the Canadian National March for Life Committee, and the annual National Pro-Life Youth Conference. In addition he is a consultant to Canada's largest pro-life organization Campaign Life Coalition, and serves on the executive of the Ontario branch of the organization. He has run three times for political office in the province of Ontario representing the Family Coalition Party.

John-Henry earned an MA from the University of Toronto in School and Child Clinical Psychology and an Honours BA from York University in Psychology.

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OFF – THE – RECORD – SPECIAL GUEST  
**Nellie Gray, President | March for Life Fund**



*March for Life*  
Education & Defense Fund<sup>®</sup>

*For the past 39 years, Nellie has volunteered to work on the many and varied activities of the March for Life Fund.*

Born in Big Spring, Texas and attended public elementary and high school in Big Spring. Graduated with honors in 1940. After a period of work as secretary and during her Freshman year of college, she served during World War II, 1944 to 1946, as a Corporal (typist) in the Women's Army Corps. With the G.I. Bill of Rights, she graduated from Texas State College for Women (now Texas's Women's University) with a B.S. degree in Business Administration (1948) and a M.A. in Economics (1949). She had 28 years of Federal employment, serving at the Department of State and Department of Labor. During that period, she also attended Georgetown University Law Center, and in 1959 was admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia. In 1963 she was admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court. In June, 1973, she retired from Federal service for full-time volunteer work on pro-life interests. In February 1979, Blessed Pope John Paul II conferred the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, which was presented in Washington, D.C. by His Eminence William Cardinal Baum.

She serves as President of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund – a non-profit, non-sectarian corporation guided by the *Life Principles*. The goal of the March for Life efforts is to assure Constitutional protection for the unalienable and paramount right to life of each innocent born and preborn human being in existence at fertilization, with equal care for both a pregnant mother and her preborn -child – No Exception. No Compromise.

March for Life Activity is most visible each January 22 – the Anniversary date of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion decision, Roe v. Wade, stating that a preborn human was not a "person" whose right to life is protected by the Constitution. The March for Life Fund sponsors an annual rally and march in Washington, D.C.. The first March for Life was on January 22, 1974 by which thousands of Pro-Life Americans assembled peacefully to educate our Federal government – the President, Congress and Supreme Court – about the humanity of each preborn child in existence at fertilization. The annual March for Life Rally, Convention and Rose Dinner, held on January 22, in our Nation's Capital, focuses on "*personhood*" and *Life Principles* – namely, that our right to life protected by our Constitution is vested in each human at fertilization. The *Fund* sponsors an annual Student Contest for high-school and junior-high student essays, poetry and posters, and student winners receive their awards at the Rose Dinner each January 22.

The March for Life Fund works throughout the year educating Americans about our privilege and duty to remove from our country, the absolute evil of abortion. No one- not the President, Congress, not the Court, not a doctor, lawyer, clergyman, parent, teacher, police, no one operating in the name of "right to life" – no one has capacity under the law of God or man to intentionally kill even one of our innocent born or preborn brothers or sisters in existence at fertilization. No one has capacity to authorize anyone else to commit murder with impunity. The March for Life Fund publishes an Annual Report and statements on pro-life issues. Officers are available for speaking engagements.

## The Law of Life Summit

**WHAT:** Pro-Life Leaders and Law Students coming together to create *Measurable* and *Achievable* objectives for overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

**WHEN:** Semi-Annually. We will measure our success and hold ourselves accountable as we strive to accomplish our Summit objectives by working with various individuals and organizations.

**INFO:** <http://LawLife.org>

**REFLECTION:** The war to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, and to end abortion has several fronts, which include, (i) the law, (ii) the media, (iii) the hearts and minds of the people.

On one front we must be engaged in the legal battle to create laws and procedures to advance the dignity of human life. On the other front we must engage the media either by creating alternative forms of media or by utilizing secular media to inform people of the issues. Last, we must win the hearts and minds of a majority of the people to win the war. The people can send a message to government by supporting pro-life politicians. The people can also send a message to the media by boycotting pro-choice entertainment and news outlets. By boycotting the products advertised on such media outlets and by overwhelmingly supporting pro-life organizations we can send a message of unity. By marching in the same direction we can win. We will not always agree on every little issue, but together we are stronger and we are a force that can defeat the evil of abortion.

*\* The Second Law of Life Summit will be held the weekend of March 31 in Naples, Florida. Details will soon be available at LawLife.org*

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Together lets create *measurable* and *achievable* objectives for overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Royce Hood  
2012 Summit Organizer

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