Student Press Law Center
2008 Annual Report

New Leadership, New Directions
Message from the Board of Directors

Dear Friends:

The past year saw enormous turmoil and change in the landscape of America’s media, but when it comes to the work of the Student Press Law Center, some things remain constant: Young people will always seek to express themselves creatively, and they’ll always need guidance when they run into adversity.

The SPLC is not retrenching in the face of economic hardship – our workload won’t allow that luxury. On the contrary, the Center – under the energetic leadership of our new executive director, Frank D. LoMonte – devoted 2008 to improving “customer service” for our core scholastic journalism constituents, while reaching new audiences and building new alliances.

As part of that work, the SPLC has taken a leadership role in securing students’ rights to use blogs and social-networking pages to comment on school issues when they are off-campus on personal time. The scholastic media will always be the backbone of this organization, but the First Amendment protects the “lonely pamphleteer” along with the corporate publisher and so must we – even if the “pamphlet” is distributed on MySpace, not the town square.

With the explosion of online self-publishing sites, young people have increasingly sophisticated questions – and information needs – concerning the law of copyright, defamation, privacy, and other hot-button topics. To meet that educational need, the Center reissued its widely used Law of the Student Press textbook with a new chapter dedicated solely to online publishing.

To ensure the SPLC remains relevant in this changing media world, the Center embarked in 2008 on creating a strategic plan that will guide the SPLC over the next five years. We spent months surveying stakeholders through focus groups, one-on-one interviews, and a survey instrument on our Web site. They told us that the SPLC does amazing work as an “emergency response” service, but they pushed us to be more – a leader in telling the story of student censorship to the larger world, and in changing the minds of school and college administrators even before a censorship crisis arises. We took their input to heart, and their priorities will be captured in the strategic plan the Center issues later this year.

The plan will be only as good as its follow-through, and, for that, we will need the help of each of you – old friends of the SPLC and new alike – as we confront the challenges of “Journalism 2.0” with confidence that young journalists will always amaze and inspire us.

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Censorship’s invisible toll

Making the case for those who are silenced

At the Student Press Law Center, a big part of our job is to call attention to the impact of censorship of students’ journalistic work – on the educational development of our young people, and on transparency and accountability in government. We’ve had many successes in giving voice to students who’ve been silenced – but there are many more students whose names and faces you’ll never see on our Web site, in the news media, or in this Annual Report.

These young people represent the bulk of our everyday activity at the SPLC. They’re the students we help quietly and confidentially, because we understand that taking a story to the public can be frightening, can provoke a backlash, and can impede peacefully resolving a dispute in the student’s favor. Their stories – the students in Oregon who were told their literary magazine was being confiscated and destroyed because it contained a drawing of the Caterpillar from Alice in Wonderland smoking a hookah, the college student who was threatened with a trespassing arrest while filming in a public area of campus for a documentary about fraternity hazing – are among our most important and compelling work.

The year 2008 was my first as Executive Director of the SPLC. It has been a homecoming of sorts – a return to the empowering refuge of student journalism from which I received my most enduring lessons as a young man. Of all of the surprises I have encountered, the most gratifying has been the outpouring of volunteerism from people who truly believe in and want to support the work of protecting student journalists: the teachers like Carrie Wadycki, Aaron Manfull and Sara Schlesinger, whose students – unprompted by the SPLC – threw their own fundraisers to gather a few dollars for our cause, and the lawyers like Robyn Aronson, Joanna Cline, Richard Goehler, Joe Tomain, Gerald Weber and Scott Wright, who collectively donated thousands of unpaid hours of highly skilled work, just because they saw a need and felt the call to serve.

There have been the occasional unpleasant surprises, as well – none more disappointing than the tendency of the “professional” news media in some communities to rally around misbehaving school administrators at the expense of their student victims. The naïve refrain heard from some editorial columns – that school administrators are just trying to “teach good journalism” when they censor – reminds us how much work remains to be done educating the public about the toll that censorship takes on young minds. The challenges are energizing, and the staff of the SPLC is working continually on new ways to meet them.

Frank D. LoMonte, Esq.
SPLC Executive Director
Advocating nationwide for free speech

SPLC attorneys at work to defend, educate students and advisers

Last year, the SPLC attorneys presented training workshops for students and teachers at more than 36 schools, colleges and conferences, spanning 16 states and the District of Columbia.

- The SPLC filed a friend-of-the-court brief in support of a Pennsylvania high school student punished by his principal for off-campus speech on a non-school website. The SPLC urged the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to affirm the ruling of the U.S. district court, which found that Justin Layshock’s First Amendment rights were violated when his school suspended him for content on a personal MySpace page mocking his principal.

- The SPLC joined other open-government advocates in urging the Department of Education to refrain from expanding the scope of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), noting it already is being widely abused to withhold non-confidential documents, including audit reports and jail logs, from public scrutiny. The SPLC highlighted how excessive use of FERPA is frustrating the ability of parents and journalists to use state open-records laws to obtain basic statistical information about school safety, discipline, academic performance and other essential matters.

- Volunteer attorney Alan Johnson helped The All State, the student newspaper at Austin Peay State University in Tennessee, successfully defend a libel lawsuit filed against the student paper – and a number of other state and local news organizations – by a former student.

- With assistance from Gerald Weber and Richard Goehler of the SPLC’s volunteer Attorney Referral Network, Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah agreed to fully restore funding to the student newspaper, the Inkwell, to settle a First Amendment lawsuit alleging that the paper’s budget was slashed in retaliation for student editors’ news content decisions.

- The SPLC and its volunteers with the Attorney Referral Network helped three college newspapers fight requests seeking unpublished information: two subpoenas from California prosecutors (at Saddleback College in Orange County and the University of California at Santa Barbara) and an improperly-targeted discovery request from a private Illinois attorney (at Ball State University in Indiana).

- At Ohio University in Athens, volunteer attorney Joe Tomain assisted the student newspaper, The Post, in obtaining access to faculty evaluations and meetings of OU’s Budget Planning Council.
Meet the SPLC’s Legal Advisory Committee, our freedom fighters

The Student Press Law Center gives its thanks and sincere appreciation to the members of its Legal Advisory Committee for unselfishly devoting their support to high school and college students.

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**Join the Attorney Referral Network**

“Through the SPLC, I’ve had the opportunity to work on exciting public records cases on behalf of a college newspaper. Not only do I get practical experience in the area of First Amendment and media law, I also get to work with students who are seeking to ensure that we have an informed citizenry. I highly recommend that you consider joining the SPLC attorney referral network.”

— Joseph A. Tomain  
Frost Brown Todd LLP

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**“We owe our thanks to the Student Press Law Center”**

“We were very fortunate in our settlement, and we owe our thanks to the Student Press Law Center. It was because of Frank LoMonte’s help that we were able to obtain top notch legal representation. From the moment we called SPLC, we have had the advice and guidance we needed to fight for our First Amendment rights. We are also so incredibly grateful to our attorneys Richard Goehler and Gerald Weber.”

— Angela Mensing, former Editor in Chief, The Inkwell  
Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah
SPLC’s expertise overturns college’s plan for prior review

Cathy Stablein
Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication,
College of DuPage, Glyn Ellyn, IL

Thank God for the Student Press Law Center and a new 2008 state law called the Illinois College Campus Press Act.

After the College of DuPage Board of Trustees shocked the college community with a proposed complete rewrite of the college policy manual in the Fall 2008 semester, student newspaper editors noticed one of the new additions was a provision that the college president himself provide oversight for the Courier student newspaper at the two-year community college.

Editor-in-chief Shannon Torii immediately dashed off an e-mail to the SPLC and called Executive Director Frank LoMonte for emergency help. The result from the SPLC was a four-page, single-spaced letter that cited every appropriate chapter and verse of all press laws known to man and beast. The opinion letter questioned the legality of the proposed rule and suggested it was in violation of the Illinois College Campus Press Act.

The letter was sent to the interim president, Harold D. McAninch, who had said he needed more time to review the college policy rewrites, which was conducted primarily by two trustees who acted as a committee.

Phone calls, editorials, news coverage, discussions with the president and trustees, backing from the Student Leadership Council and the Faculty Senate, public comments at board meetings, a resolution by an Illinois college press association, and even a student body protest at a college board meeting bolstered the SPLC’s legal expertise in getting the proposal overturned.

News Editor Juan Garza and Graphics Editor Jason Retuta prepared a video slide show, archived along with the coverage, on the Courier's Web site at www.cod.edu/courier.

In the midst of political turmoil and organization upheaval, the college simultaneously was holding open forums for college president candidates. Garza and Torii prepared statements and questions to ask each candidate at the forum. Answers were covered in the news section, and video recorded the comments for the Courier Web site.

LoMonte, the SPLC and the journalistic community statewide stayed in touch throughout the entire emergency. The students acted professionally, and knew their rights.

Footnote: In addition to the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, states can provide additional free speech protection their own citizens by enacting state laws or regulations. The Illinois College Campus Press Act is such a provision and provides student journalists attending Illinois public colleges and universities with added protection against administrative censorship.
**Telling the story in 2008**

**Broadening our outreach to spread the freedom message**

The Student Press Law Center issued 185 News Flashes, our free subscription based e-mail news service that provides breaking news stories on legal issues nationwide.

The SPLC’s Attorney Referral Network grew to 170 lawyers nationwide who are willing to offer their services for free to student journalists who need legal representation. Also, the Center has a 75-member Advisory Council of school newspaper and yearbook advisers who offer guidance and support for student journalists.

Our website, [www.splc.org](http://www.splc.org), drew more than six million page views last year. The top visited pages were the News Flashes, the online edition of the SPLC *Report*, the Legal Resources section and our Test Your Knowledge of the First Amendment quiz.

The SPLC’s monthly Podcasts feature guests who discuss a myriad of issues surrounding the First Amendment. The Podcasts, which are attracting thousands of listeners, can be downloaded in .mp3 format and free subscriptions are available on iTunes for transfer to iPods.

The SPLC established a Facebook account for the posting of news and announcements and has more than 1,000 followers. In addition, it opened a Twitter account to send brief updates of news happening in the free speech arena and has more than 350 subscribers.

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**California adopts journalism teacher protection act**

The SPLC helped make the case for California’s adoption of one of the nation’s toughest and progressive laws protecting teachers against unfair retaliation when they stand up for their students’ First Amendment rights.

The law provides that no public school or college employee may be dismissed, suspended, disciplined, reassigned, transferred, or otherwise retaliated against solely for acting to protect a student who is engaged in legally protected conduct. The law was sponsored by Sen. Leland Yee (D-San Francisco/San Mateo), a longtime advocate for the free expression rights of young people.

Kansas is the only other state with an express anti-retaliation laws protecting teachers who advise student publications. The California law is even broader than the Kansas law because it applies to all modes of lawful student speech, not just publications.
New text provides legal resource on student journalism

Law of the Student Press addresses 21st century media issues

The Student Press Law Center has released the third edition of *Law of the Student Press*, providing an important resource book for student journalists and their advisers.

The *Law of the Student Press* was first published in 1984 and last updated in 1994, making this the first substantive update in 14 years. The book, which addresses legal issues regarding all forms of media, is authored by the legal staff of the Student Press Law Center and a nationwide team of media law experts. Here’s what some experts have to say about the book:

“This comprehensive book is the one-stop-shopping destination for anyone involved or interested in student journalism. It charts the path for keeping student expression safe and strong. And it gives students, lawyers and journalists the background they need to understand and fully enjoy the rights the First Amendment provides. Censors may try to follow students into cyberspace, but with this book in hand, student journalists will be able to continue their work that is so vital in our 21st century democracy.”

— Tony Mauro, Supreme Court correspondent, Legal Times

“At a time when school authorities and others find student journalism uncomfortable and inconvenient, this new, expanded edition of ‘The Law of the Student Press’ gives young journalists the solid information they need to stand up and do what needs to be done. It’s clear, easy to navigate — a true gem.”

— Andrew Barnes, Chairman, Poynter Institute for Media Studies

Order information for the *Law of the Student Press* is online at [www.splc.org](http://www.splc.org). Discounts are available for SPLC members and large groups.

Maryland high school, New Jersey college students win student press awards

SPLC presented the Courage in Student Journalism Award, co-sponsored by the Newsaram and the National Scholastic Press Association, to student editors Jaishri Shankar and Rachel Wagner, adviser Peter Daddone and Principal Debra Munk of Maryland’s Rockville High School for their joint efforts in publishing a package of stories exposing gang activity in the neighborhood. It was the first time administrators and students at the same school had shared the award.

At the National College Media Convention, SPLC presented the College Press Freedom Award to the *Montclarion* at New Jersey’s Montclair State University to recognize their successful fight for independence from the student government association.
Helping students and advisers nationwide

“\textit{I implore you to continue the work you're doing}”

By Renee Macdonald
Co-Editor-in-Chief, Loy Norrix \textit{Knight Life}
Loy Norrix High School, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Earlier this year, an opinion article about school suspension policies was censored from the high school newspaper \textit{Knight Life}. As the school, Loy Norrix, functions under the \textit{Hazelwood} ruling, our new principal was under the false belief that he had the ability to censor whatever it was he wished.

As soon as we (my co-editor Anne Brown and I) knew that there was no possible way to change his mind without consulting a higher authority, we contacted the Student Press Law Center. Our adviser (Tisha Pankop) always directs us to the SPLC's website when we look for court cases and the like in order to fight for our First Amendment rights in cases such as these. As a result, my co-editor and I contacted the SPLC lawyers to see if we had a case. Both lawyers we spoke to gave us their full support in our plight.

We appealed to the superintendent and the school lawyer with negative responses. (The SPLC sent a letter to the principal and superintendent cautioning that there was no lawful basis for refusing to print the article.) Things looked bleak, and we were in the midst of preparing for a school board meeting with the SPLC behind us all the way. Throughout the process the SPLC gave us advice as to how to proceed, what would be acceptable, what to do and what to say in these meetings with the principal, and above all: how to stay calm and that we were doing the right thing. Things get terrifying when they look like they might proceed to the court system.

SPLC intern Jaclyn Hirsch wrote an article small in size but large in message. She attempted to get quotes from the principal and the superintendent to no avail. It was this article that sparked a final meeting on this subject with our principal.

The writer of the censored article, my adviser, my co-editor and I were called in to discuss the censored article in question. During this meeting, our principal threw a flood of paperwork at us, including the school publication policy, and Ms. Hirsch's article. The SPLC's article had shown up on our principal's Google Alerts, and he was not pleased.

In the end, the principal said he had a few minor concerns with the revised article and if we were willing to make those changes, he would allow us to print the article. The changes are rather insignificant.

The SPLC played a major role in moral support and legal advice for Anne Brown and me. Thank you all so very, very much for all of your support and help. I implore you to continue the work you're doing.
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Thank you interns, staff and volunteers for your service

The excellence and responsiveness of the SPLC’s services depends upon the dedicated staff of employees and interns. We thank all those efforts made 2008 a productive and successful year:

Rob Arcamona
Michael Beder
Kelsey Beltramia
Jimmie Collins
Matthew Deal
Jenny Fein
Kathleen Fitzgerald
Adam Goldstein
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Elizabeth White
Emilie Yam

The SPLC also thanks those who serve as volunteers on its Attorney Referral Network, Advisory Council and Steering Committee.
From Alaska to Florida, media turns to SPLC for legal expertise

SPLC’s First Amendment stand draws national interest

When a college stopped the presses on a student-run daily in New Jersey, when a Kansas college threatened to install a “review committee” in the newsroom, when students at a Washington, D.C. college were told they could not view campus arrest reports – the media turned to the Student Press Law Center. SPLC attorneys were quoted in the New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Christian Science Monitor, New York Newsday, Denver Post, USA Today and many other publications and broadcasts, both student and professional.

The SPLC helped generate public pressure that reversed the shutdown of the Montclarion at New Jersey’s Montclair State University, and thwarted efforts to place the Wichita State University Sunflower under heavy administrative review. The SPLC is dedicated to shining a spotlight on abuses of student rights, and helping the public appreciate the adverse conditions under which too many student journalists labor.

An SPLC op-ed excerpt from the Hartford Courant:

Constitutional rights shouldn’t be something kids learn they can look forward to when they grow up. Justice William Brennan said it best 45 years ago: “Because First Amendment freedoms need breathing space to survive, government may regulate in the area only with narrow specificity.” Today, too many courts are affording the breathing space to the censor – especially when that censor is a school. They’re willing to let schools punish innocent conduct, for fear of second-guessing the principal’s authority.

Photos on the cover (from left to right):

United States Supreme Court. Photo by Frank LoMonte

Executive Director Frank LoMonte fields questions from advisers at an ASNE training. Photo by Susan Hathaway Tantillo

Nick Pironio, a photo editor at North Carolina State University, takes photographs during a drill for medical students at Duke University. Photo by Bradley Wilson

Rob Bradley takes photos during the largest drill in Wake County (North Carolina) history. Photo by Bradley Wilson
Financial statements

Balance sheet

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Statement of activities

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From the Audited Financial Statements reported by Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman, an independent certified public accounting firm, for the year ending December 31, 2008. Copies of the entire financial statement may be obtained from the SPLC.
**2008 Contributions**

**Freedom Fighters ($10,000 or more)**
- American Society of Newspaper Editors (VA)
- College Media Advisers
- Ethics and Excellence in Journalism (OK)
- Gannett Foundation (VA)
- Journalism Education Association
- McCormick Foundation
- Newspaper Association of America Foundation
- Samuel Newhouse Foundation
- Scripps Howard Foundation
- Sigma Delta Chi Foundation (IN)
- Yellow Chair Foundation

**Student Voice Champions ($5,000 to $9,999)**
- Hugh Hefner Foundation
- National Scholastic Press Association
- Rowland Rebele (CA)
- Andrew Stark (NY)
- Western Assoc. of Publications Managers

**Free Press Protectors ($1,000 to $4,999)**
- Caesar Andrews (MI)
- Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication
- John Bowen (OH)
- Dorothy Bowles (TN)
- John Rory Eastburg (DC)
- Virginia Edwards (MD)
- Thomas Eveslage (PA)
- Frost Brown Todd LLC
- Malcom Gibson (KS)
- Richard Goehler (OH)
- Mark Goodman (DC)
- Kansas Associated Collegiate Press
- Kansas Scholastic Press Association
- Frank LoMonte (VA)
- Quill & Scroll
- Society for Collegiate Journalist
- Charles Smith (GA)
- Rosalind and Martin Stark (VA)
- Mark Stodder (MN)

**Student Voice Advocates ($500 to $999)**
- Sutherland Asbill & Brennan
- The Daily Tar Heel (NC)
- Thomas Whitehead (LA)

**First Amendment Friends ($100 to $499)**
- Logan Aimone (MN)
- Mary Arnold (SD)
- Robert Bertsche (MA)
- Karen Bosley (NJ)
- Candace Perkins Bowen (OH)
- California College Media Association
- Jerry Ceppos (NV)
- Shawn Chen (VA)
- Ann Franke (DC)
- Barbara Hines (MD)
- Illinois C.C. Journalism Association E. IL U.
- Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver (DC)
- Lesley W. Marcello (LA)
- Michigan Interscholastic Press Association
- Missouri Press Foundation
- New Jersey Newspaper Foundation
- NC Scholastic Media UNC-Chapel Hill
- John Reque (IL)
- Tonda Rush (VA)
- Howard and Juanita Spanogle (NC)
- Student Television Network, Inc.
- University of South Carolina
- Washington Journalism Education Association

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- Gary Baer (NV)
- Linda Barrington (WI)
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- Hazel Becker (DC)
- James Block (MA)
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- Rich Cameron (CA)
- Peter C. Canfield (GA)
- Margarret & George Cloud (NC)
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Kathleen Criner (DC)
Mark Davis (VA)
Monica L. Dias (KY)
Georgia Dunn (OH)
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