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## 2004 Annual Report

### What is the Equal Justice Foundation?

The Equal Justice Foundation is chartered 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.*

### Help for abused men and women

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

The initial problem is to make abused men and women aware of what we do and how we can help. We do that in several ways:

- *Encyclopedic web sites.* The *ejfi.org* web site contains six books covering subjects as diverse and fundamental as the foundation of civilization to vote fraud and election issues. Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado at *dvmen.org*, used by thousands of men and women every month, contains sections such as how to deal with domestic violence, extensive information on restraining orders, and etc. In 2004 the EJF web sites had more than 250,000 visitors.
- *EJF members hand out brochures* at Colorado courthouses and other events with helpful information and contact information.
- *Public presentations* are made before various groups, commissions, and committees; and through various media outlets during which personal contact is often made with abused men and women.
- *A newsletter is published* several times a month and these are widely reposted and forwarded to other groups and individuals.
- *Word of mouth* has proven to be very effective in spreading our message and it is common for someone to call us who has not seen our web sites, brochures, or newsletter.

- *The EJF partners with groups* that have similar goals and missions such as Women Against Domestic Violence (WADV); Battered Men's Helpline in Maine; and Stop Abuse For Everyone along the West Coast. Referrals for abused men and women are frequently exchanged with these groups to ensure they receive the best care possible.

### *How individuals are helped by the Foundation*

Individuals needing help contact us by email, telephone, and personal contact or office visits. Once contact is established some consultation is required to determine what their problems are, and what help we might be able to offer.

- *Most often the individual simply needs some information*, or an explanation of the situation they find themselves in, and what options they have.
- *The Equal Justice Foundation works as a cooperative with its members*. In many cases someone coming to us for help will be referred to a 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.
- *In many cases the person needs an attorney* and we maintain 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 competent legal representation.

Many attorneys link to our web sites and often reproduce critical information we provide on their web sites. The Equal Justice Foundation receives no fees for these listings.

In other cases we help the individual to find a private investigator or a paralegal to assist them, or in cases of paternity fraud, how and where to get DNA testing done.

- *Abused men and women often simply want their story to be heard*. We publish many such 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 sad cases where nothing can be done to help*, usually because the individuals have waited too long to contact us.

*During 2004 about 700 abused individuals, roughly evenly divided between men and women, contacted the Equal Justice Foundation for personal help and assistance.*

### *The case of Dr. Timothy Emerson*

Since June 2000, when he first contacted us, the EJF has worked closely with Timothy Emerson, M.D., of San Angelo, Texas, to support him in a case that has repeatedly made national headlines in his fight for constitutional freedoms, particularly an individual's Second Amendment rights. In the Emerson case, for the first time in history the Federal judiciary has stated that the Second Amendment is an individual right, not a collective right. Dr. Emerson's story is available at [ejfi.org/emerson.htm](http://ejfi.org/emerson.htm).

We had hoped to restore Dr. Emerson's freedom while his appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court went forward and engaged a private investigator, Bobbi Sue Bacha of Blue Moon Investigations in Houston, Texas, to help. Except for her travel expenses, Ms. Bacha's extensive investigation was done *pro bono*.

Blue Moon's investigation during early 2004 was able to establish unequivocally that Ms. Nicole Weber had made false allegations and provided perjured testimony that resulted in Dr. Emerson's incarceration. Unfortunately, just as Ms. Bacha was finishing her report, on July 2, 2004, the EJF received word that the U.S. Supreme Court had refused to hear his case (denied certiorari). Therefore, no further action is possible on Dr. Emerson's behalf and he will serve some 30 months in federal prison as punishment for his wife's adultery. A sad ending to a historical case.

The results of Blue Moon's investigation, and their report and documentation are available at [ejfi.org/emerson.htm](http://ejfi.org/emerson.htm).

The Equal Justice Foundation received some financial support from the Pike's Peak Firearm Coalition, as well as donations from members and supporters that were paid to Blue Moon Investigations to cover Bobbi Sue Bacha's travel expenses to San Angelo, Texas, from Houston.

## Vote fraud and election issues

Problems with the conduct of elections, both by computer and using mail in ballots, have been a major effort of the Equal Justice Foundation since our formation.

Since November 2001 Dr. Corry has served as an active, voting member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) P1583 voting equipment standards committee setting national standards for computer voting equipment.

Dr. Corry attended a meeting on February 19, 2004, with Systest in Denver regarding IEEE P1583 voting equipment standards. Systest is an Independent Testing Authority for voting equipment.

In cooperation with Citizens for Accurate Mail Ballot Election Results (CAMBER), Dr. Corry was called on to review the results of the November 2003 mail in election for an at-large seat on the school board in Denver. Problems with a translucent, double-sided ballot having been read by an optical scanner were immediately obvious. The simple solution would have been a hand recount of that race. However, Colorado law requires all recounts to be done by the same method as the original count. Since the apparent problem was with the ballot being read by the optical scanner, a recount by that method was of no value. To further destroy confidence in election integrity, in January, 2004, the IT director from the Denver Election Commission that we had met with in regard to this problem was arrested for felony theft, fraud, and removal of election equipment to his home during the November 2003 election cycle. Such outrageous and dangerous conduct by election officials has been extensively documented in a chapter titled Trust Our Election Officials? at [ejfi.org/Voting/Voting-36.htm](http://ejfi.org/Voting/Voting-36.htm).

During 2004 about one-fourth of Dr. Corry's time and effort was spent on voting standards and election issues. Since 2001 Dr. Corry has submitted roughly 20% to 30% of all comments made on the draft IEEE P1583 voting equipment standards.

One curious incident occurred during the summer of 2004. The EJF had been cooperating with the Colorado Springs chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the local League of Women Voters. As a result of that cooperation a voting forum was planned in early September. Incredibly, the chairman of the local ACLU chapter, and the local League of Women Voters, both professors at Colorado College, took it upon themselves to *ensor* what handouts could be used at the forum. The proposed handouts are on the EJF web site: Basic Voting Principles at

[ejfi.org/Voting/Voting-8.htm](http://ejfi.org/Voting/Voting-8.htm), and Chicago Rules of Election Fraud at [ejfi.org/Voting/Voting-7.htm](http://ejfi.org/Voting/Voting-7.htm) and you may judge their value for yourself. As the Equal Justice Foundation supports freedom of speech, upon being informed of this censorship, Dr. Corry immediately withdrew from the panel. We have also learned that the ACLU and the League of Women Voters have opposed voter verifiable paper ballots, a position in direct opposition to that of the Equal Justice Foundation. The ACLU has also been fostering fraud-prone mail in voter registration and we have ended all cooperation with the Colorado ACLU.

## Research

*During 2004 the Equal Justice Foundation continued to conduct research and publish papers in areas ranging from:*

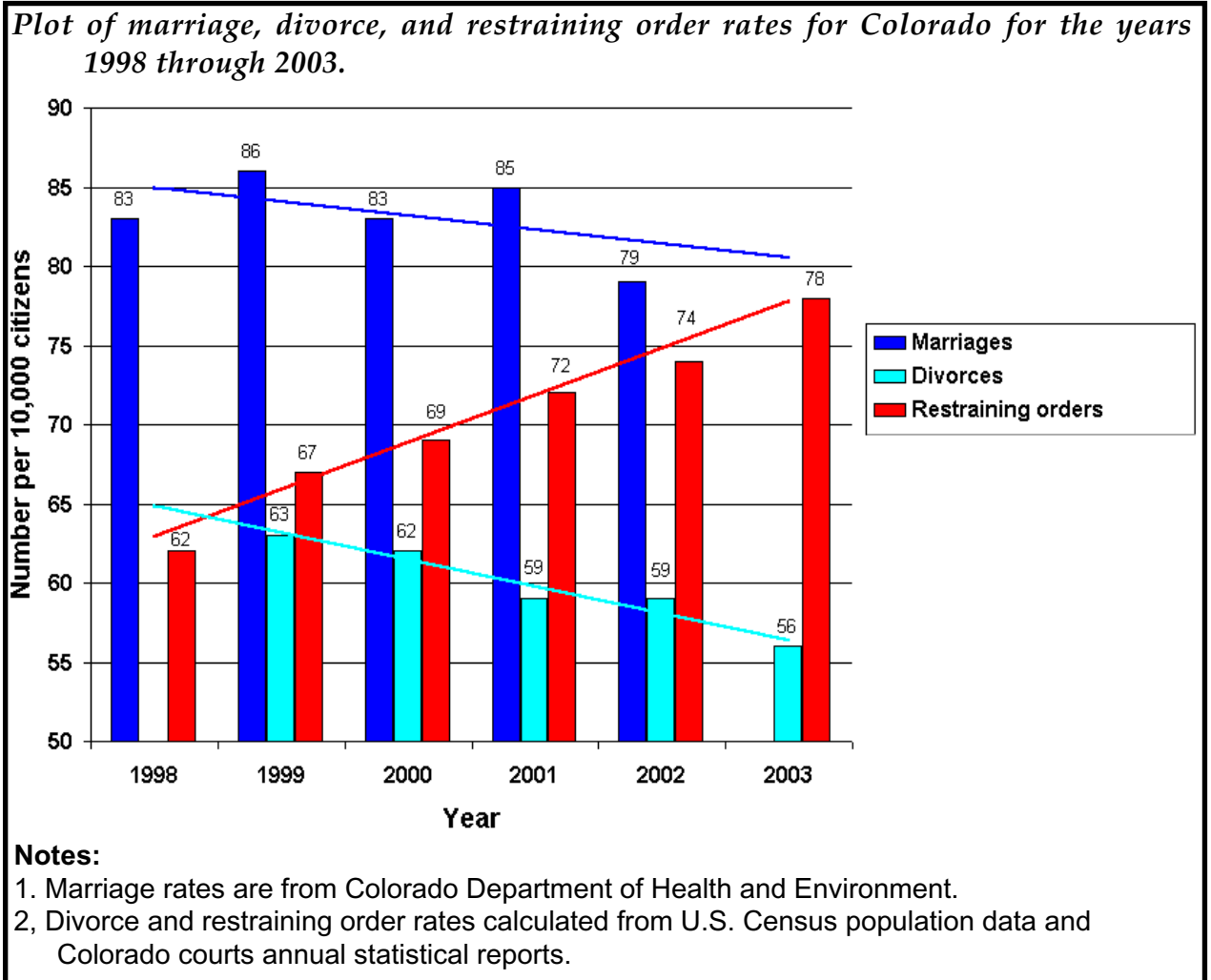
- **Domestic violence.** To quell the hysteria surrounding family violence the EJF has undertaken studies of the causes, prevalence, and legal and social remedies for domestic violence and abuse of men, women, and children without regard to sex. Our objective remains to fix the problem, not the blame. Public appearances and interviews on domestic violence are tabulated below.

Dr. Corry continues to attend the monthly meetings of the Colorado Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) in Lakewood, and serves on the research committee of the DVOMB. A major goal of the DVOMB research committee is to determine the efficacy of current treatment practices for offenders convicted of domestic violence and an extensive survey of treatment providers was begun by this committee in 2004.

- **Marriage and families.** It is a fundamental tenet of the Equal Justice Foundation that children need both parents in order to develop into healthy, educated, and productive citizens. We continue to work toward keeping children with their parents whenever possible.

We advocate for the preservation of families and strengthening the institution of marriage as a contract between two individuals to raise their children without hindrance or interference by the State except in extreme circumstances. A great deal of information has been published on our web sites concerning the destructive impact of current laws and government practices on children, families, and marriage. The deleterious effects of current laws on marriage are dramatically illustrated in the following plot of marriage, divorce, and restraining order rates for Colorado for the years 1998 through 2003.

The EJF supports efforts to reduce false allegations of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual abuse particularly where these charges are used as weapons to gain advantage in a divorce and custody disputes. Research in 2004 on these problems was primarily a demographic study of such charges using data from the Colorado courts and the U.S. Census Bureau. The study narrowed the problems down to six judicial districts. The causes seem to be overzealous district attorneys and inept and poorly educated judges in those districts. Fortunately, in 2004 seventeen of twenty two district attorneys in Colorado were term limited and replaced. The EJF will be tracking the performance of these new individuals to determine if a changing of the guard improved human rights in this state. Members are invited and encouraged to do such tracking in their own home states.



- **Courts and civil liberties.** The election of Linda Sanders to the EJF Board of Directors has greatly enhanced our ability to track and document judicial abuse in Colorado. The chapter Colorado Judges — Citizen’s Review [dvmen.org/dv-62.htm](http://dvmen.org/dv-62.htm), instituted with the able assistance of Ms. Sanders, provides a growing body of evidence of both good and bad behavior of individual judges in the state courts.

Thanks to Ms. Sanders’ efforts, during 2004 thirteen cases of judicial abuse and misconduct were documented and published in the First, Second, Sixteenth, and Nineteenth Judicial Districts in Colorado. That these efforts are noticed was evidenced by a polite request by the Colorado State Court Administrator to correct a mistake we had made between a review of Frank Martinez and Michael Martinez in the Second Judicial District. We were happy to do so.

During the spring semester Linda Sanders taught a course at the Colorado Free University that provided citizens how to access and use the court system, and how to research and construct a meaningful pleading.

At the end of 2004 the EJF also encouraged members and supporters to become courtwatchers, as that has proven an effective method of improving judicial performance. We hope to expand and improve that program in 2005.

- *Vote fraud and election issues.* Dr. Corry participated in a number of teleconference meetings of the IEEE P1583 voting equipment standards committee. In addition, he commented extensively (237 comments of a total of 648) on the current draft of voting equipment standards.

In addition the EJF work on vote fraud and election issues was widely referenced and accessed during the November 2004 election with well over 100,000 hits on [ejfi.org/Voting/Voting.htm](http://ejfi.org/Voting/Voting.htm) around the election.

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 hits on our web sites drop by over 50,000 per month when schools and universities are not in session (see bar chart below).

## Newsletters

A newsletter is sent to all EJF members several times every month. On less frequent intervals a newsletter of broader interest is distributed to a general list of subscribers. These individuals are located in every state of the United States and at least sixteen other countries. The mailing list includes media representatives, academics, legislators, medical practitioners, treatment providers, engineers, scientists, activists, housewives, military, and all the hundreds of abused men and women who contact us.

During 2004 the size of our mailing list grew by about 300, from roughly 1,300 to 1,600, as new subscribers outnumbered those whose email accounts lapsed or who asked to be removed. Note that about one third of all email users change their address each year and updating the EJF mailing lists represents a major effort.

Experience shows that our newsletters are widely reposted and forwarded across the Internet, which often nets us new subscribers and members as well as expanding the exposure of our work.

## Public appearances

### *Presentations to military personnel and bases*

- *September 30, 2004* — Dr. Corry and VP Vaughn participated in the CFC kickoff event at Fort Carson, handing out flyers and talking with many soldiers about their experiences with domestic violence and the legal system.
- *October 5, 2004* — Dr. Corry and VP Vaughn spoke with Crazy Horse troop of 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry at Fort Carson as an invited CFC speaker.
- *October 7, 2004 — Morning* — Dr. Corry and VP Vaughn presented EJF information on domestic violence and the legal system at the US Air Force Academy as part of CFC campaign.
- *October 7, 2004 — Afternoon* — Dr. Corry and VP Vaughn presented EJF information on domestic violence and the legal system at Fort Carson as part of CFC campaign.
- *October 8, 2004* — Dr. Corry and VP Vaughn presented EJF information on domestic violence and the legal system at Peterson Air Force Base as part of CFC campaign.

- *October 13, 2004* — Dr. Corry and VP Vaughn spoke with several units of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 68<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment at Fort Carson as invited CFC speakers about domestic violence against men and its impact on military personnel.
- *October 16, 2004* — Dr. Corry made presentation about EJF to the Pike's Peak detachment of the Marine Corps League on domestic violence and the legal system resulting in a contribution of \$250.
- *October 23, 2004* — Treasurer Tollefson spoke with Colorado Springs National Guard unit as invited CFC speaker on domestic violence and the legal system.

### *Presentations at state judicial commission hearings*

- *April 2004* — Board member Linda Sanders testified in the First Judicial District Judicial Review Commission hearing about unethical behavior of District Judge Ruth Anne Polidori.
- *April 2004* — Secretary Sheryle Hutter testified at the Eighteenth Judicial District Judicial Review Commission hearing about the unethical behavior of Arapahoe judges.
- *April 2004* — Linda Sanders testified before the State Judicial Review Commission about the inadequate performances of Colorado Court of Appeals judges James Casebolt and Arthur Roy. Secretary Sheryle Hutter also attended this meeting.
- *May 2004* — Linda Sanders testified before the Colorado House Judiciary Committee in favor of impeaching District Judge John Coughlin of the Second Judicial District.

### *Talk shows and radio and TV interviews*

- *January 22, 2004* — Dr. Corry was a guest on the BJ Shea radio talk show in Seattle, Washington. The discussion centered on the David Brame case, the Tacoma police chief who killed his wife and then committed suicide after she took out a restraining order against him. The EJF has published a letter written by David's sister documenting the years of abuse Chief Brame endured before the divorce and murder/suicide.
- *February 18, 2004* — Linda Sanders appeared on the Chuck Baker show in Pueblo, Colorado discussing judicial abuse.
- *May 20, 2004* — Dr. Corry did an extensive interview with William Wagener, who is assembling a television documentary for his program *On Second Thought* [www.onsecondthought.tv](http://www.onsecondthought.tv). Aired on March 11, 2005, only in northern Santa Barbara County on Channel 25 at 7:30 PM.
- *October 6, 2004* — Dr. Corry was interviewed by KZUL-FM, covering Western Arizona and the Lake Havasu area, about domestic violence against men.
- *October 20, 2004* — Dr. Corry appeared on the program *Enquiring Minds* 1190 AM Boulder, Colorado in a debate about domestic violence against men and women with Yolanda from Boulder Safehouse.
- *November 28, 2004* — Dr. Corry appeared as a guest on *Dads on the Air* 89.3, 2 GLF, Sydney, Australia concerning families, marriage, and the impact of current laws upon these institutions.

### *Newspapers and books*

- *February 27, 2004* — Thomson Gale contacted the Equal Justice Foundation about permission to publish two essays by Dr. Corry in a forthcoming edition of their series *Opposing Viewpoints: Domestic Violence*. A donation of \$200 was made to EJF for use of these essays.
- *March 18, 2004* — Dr. Corry met with Lou Kilzer, an investigative reporter for the Rocky Mountain News in Denver. The Rocky Mountain News eventually published a series on Battered Justice beginning February 5, 2005, [denver.rockymountainnews.com/news/justice/](http://denver.rockymountainnews.com/news/justice/), but no mention of the Equal Justice Foundation was made although many of the concepts and criticisms were derived from EJF research.
- *May 19, 2004* — Dr. Corry was interviewed by Joe Barber of the Colorado Springs Gazette regarding electronic voting issues. An article, *Electronic Voting A Touchy Subject*, based in part on that interview was published in the Gazette on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- *September 16, 2004* — Dr. Corry was interviewed by Trudy Thompson of the Colorado Springs Gazette on immigration and H1-B visa issues. This interview was never published.
- *September 20, 2004* — Dr. Corry interviewed by reporter from the Philadelphia Inquirer about domestic violence against men and known victims in Pennsylvania.
- *December 9, 2004* — Dr. Corry interviewed by Jessica Young, journalism student at Northwestern University, Chicago on domestic violence.
- *December 9, 2004* — Dr. Corry interviewed with Katie Baker, Columbia University, New York on domestic violence against men, and women.
- *December 29, 2004* — Dr. Corry interviewed with Bonnie Skopinski Canyon Courier, Evergreen, Colorado. Skopinski subsequently published a series of articles in February 2005 based in part on this interview.

### *Other public appearances*

- *February 22, 2004* — EJF Board member Linda Sanders organized and conducted a forum on judicial reform that was held in Littleton, Colorado. Dr. Corry also spoke at this forum.
- *March 11, 2004* — Dr. Corry gave a presentation on domestic violence and gun control to the Pike's Peak Firearm Coalition, Colorado Springs, and handed out an EJF flyer detailing *How the District Attorney systematically destroys gun rights*.
- *Spring 2004* — Secretary Sheryle Hutter carried a petition seeking impeachment of judges.
- *July 20, 2004* — At the invitation of EJF member Dr. Gerald Weiss, Dr. Corry presented a talk to the Ft. Collins Kiwanis club on Families and Marriage. The presentation was well received, with shock at the abysmal state of families in Colorado as the response.
- *September 2004* — Secretary Hutter attended a Rights of the Disabled rally at the Colorado State Capitol.
- EJF flyers on the consequences of a domestic violence conviction were handed out by EJF members at courts in Arapahoe and Denver counties, Colorado. More of this is encouraged by the Board.



## 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 redfem. 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* — 25 essays in 3 chapters.
- *Domestic Violence* — 9 chapters, 9 essays, and stories of abused and murdered men from 46 states.
- *Civilization* — 12 essays.
- *Prohibitions and War on Drugs* — 6 essays,
- *Courts and Civil Liberties* — 19 essays,
- *Vote fraud and Election Issues* — 11 chapters containing 76 essays, and a tabulation of problems with electronic voting machines in 27 states.
- *Five additional supplemental sections* — Emerson story, introduction, authors, where to find help, and what an individual can do.

### *Domestic Violence Against Men In Colorado web site*

By the end of 2004 the Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado site *dvmen.org* had grown to eighteen chapters with one hundred fifty essays by thirty authors, as well as numerous vignettes outlining the travails of abused and murdered men in Colorado.

In addition, links to hundreds of related web sites are provided covering:

- Men's And Women's Resources — By state for forty-one states.
- Men's Issues — Sites in the United States.
- Men's Issues — Countries other than the United States.
- Authors, Columnists, Institutes, and Newspapers.
- Mental Health.
- Children, Family, Marriage, And Elder Abuse.
- Women's Issues.
- Gay And Lesbian Issues.
- State of Colorado.

- United States Government.
- Surveillance Hardware And Software.
- Law Research And Legal Help.

### *Search engine rankings*

EJF web sites are generally *top rated* by search engines, usually within the first ten sites listed, for most of the areas the foundation works in. For example, as of this writing, on Google the search terms “*dv men*” *lists our DV against men site fourth*. For “*courts civil liberties*” *on Google we are second just below the ACLU*.

When not in the top ten, then the EJF is almost always in the *top twenty*, e.g., “*marriage families*” on Google finds us at *number thirteen*, and “*restraining orders*” has slipped to fifteenth and sixteenth.

### *Web site usage in 2004*

As a result of the quality of our publications and research, and our exceptionally high rankings on search engines, during 2004 hits on our web sites rose from peak usage of 5,000 hits per day in October 2003 to over 11,000 hits per day in November 2004. For all of 2004 our sites averaged just over 6,000 hits per day.

More than 20,000 visitors used our *ejfi.org/Voting/Voting.htm* book after the November 2004 election, with nearly 220,000 hits on the *ejfi.org* site that month.

For 2004 there were 2,202,572 total hits on the EJF web sites, with 1,253,612 hits, or 57% of the total on the *dvmen.org* site and 948,960 hits, or 43% on the *ejfi.org* site. That translates into more than 250,000 visitors to our sites in 2004. As best we can determine several thousand new users access our web sites each month. Repeat users comprise at least 60% of total usage.

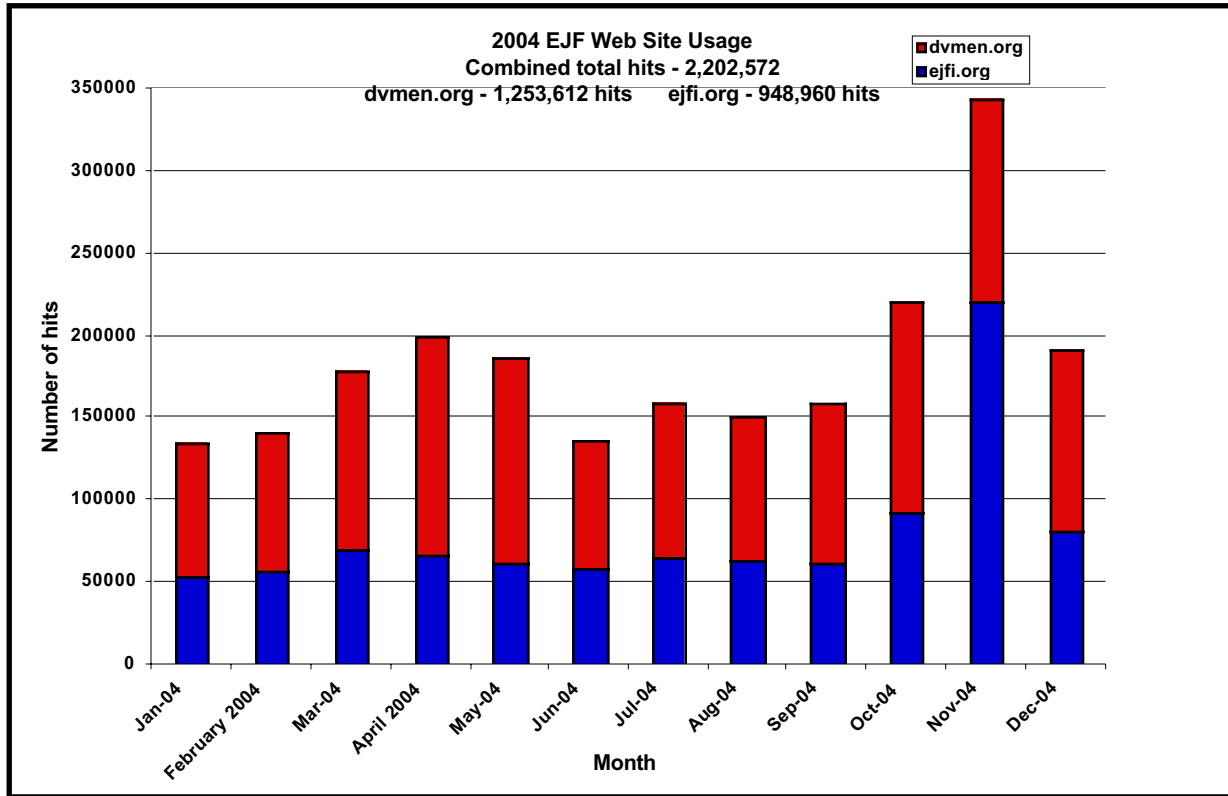
As shown in the following bar chart, while usage steadily increases throughout the year, it is distinctly cyclic with peaks in April and November. These peaks correlate best with times when schools and colleges are in session and students are doing term papers and research projects. The suggestion is that the Equal Justice Foundation is being widely used by schools and universities, which is exactly the audience we hope to reach as today’s students are the ones who will have to fix the current problems.

*The data above make it is obvious that the Equal Justice Foundation is serving major needs in Colorado and the nation!*

## **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.

Board meetings are held twice yearly, one in the spring and one in the fall. Meetings and the agenda are announced in advance to all members, who are welcome to and do attend.



**2004 board meetings**

In 2004 the spring meeting of the Board of Directors convened on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at the Old Capitol Grill, 1122 Washington Ave, Golden Colorado. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM and adjourned at 5:30 PM.

The fall meeting was held on Sunday, October 3, 2004, at the Cherry Creek Schools Administrative Building, Greenwood Village, Colorado. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

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

**Changes to the Board of Directors**

There were a number of changes in the Board of Directors in 2004. At the spring board meeting Rev. Dean Tollefson stepped down from the board while remaining active as the EJF treasurer. He was replaced by Linda Sanders, a certified paralegal, who has long been active with the EJF on court corruption and developing the Colorado Judges — Citizen’s Review chapter on the *dvmen.org* web site. Following the spring board meeting the goals and objectives of Mr. Mike Spaniola diverged from those of the Foundation, particularly as regards his political activism. He was then asked to resign. Failing that, the Board removed him from office and expelled him from the Foundation under Section 3.9 of the Bylaws on August 12, 2004. As of the end of 2004 his position remains open and the current board members are:

- Dr. Charles Corry* (term ends in spring of 2007)
- Linda Sanders* (term ends in spring of 2005)

## *Officers*

The officers of the Equal Justice Foundation serve from year-to-year at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

At the spring meeting Paulette Vaughn was nominated and approved as Vice President. Ms. Vaughn retired in January 2004 after 34 years as a contracting officer at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Also at the spring meeting Sheryle Hutter was nominated and approved as Secretary. Mrs. Hutter has been active with the Equal Justice Foundation for some time on issues of judicial corruption and the treatment of the disabled within the legal system. She is currently employed by the Cherry Creek School District in Greenwood Village, Colorado, as the Funded Projects Manager. She also brings an extensive background in grantsmanship to the EJF.

As noted above, the Rev. Dean Tollefson continued as Treasurer and Dr. Charles Corry as President and Founding Director.

## **Fund raising activities**

### *Combined Federal Campaign*

The Equal Justice Foundation joined the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for donations from federal employees in 2004 for the first time. With the able assistance of Vice President Vaughn we qualified for participation in all five regions of Colorado for the 2005 campaign. Because our overhead ratio was 25% in 2003 it seems unlikely we will receive many donations in our first year. However, we learned a great deal in the process and found it an excellent method for meeting the troops in the Colorado Springs area as shown in the Public Appearances area above.

Fortunately, in 2004 our overhead ratio was reduced to 6% as a result of increased revenue from contributions and dues. That should help with our efforts in the 2006 CFC campaign, which we are presently preparing to enter.

### *Other proposals*

Two other funding proposals were submitted and rejected in 2004. Fund raising is an area that needs more volunteer effort and where the Foundation is sadly lacking. Given the EJF support for abused men, as well as women, we are not eligible for the vast funding available to women's groups in the area of domestic violence and abuse.

Funding is also needed to support the Foundation's efforts in dealing with voting equipment standards and election fraud.

## **Treasurer's report**

### *Income*

During 2004 the foundation was entirely supported by members and individual contributions. Dues from new and renewing members amounted to \$1,871 and contributions totaled \$2,350. Total income was thus \$4,221, as compared to \$1,672 in 2003.

### *Operating expenses*

Program expenses for supplies, telephone, Internet connection and web site hosting, postage, shipping, printing, and travel totaled \$2,939 for the year.

In December 2003-January 2004, the Foundation arranged with Bobbi Sue Bacha, vice president and private investigator with Blue Moon Investigations of Houston, Texas, to investigate Ms. Nicole Weber and the testimony and allegations she made against Dr. Emerson in federal court in April 2003. Ms. Bacha's investigation was done on a *pro bono* basis with the Equal Justice Foundation providing travel expenses of \$645 for her trip to San Angelo from Houston. Ms. Bacha's travel expenses were donated by members and contributors and paid directly to Blue Moon Investigations. The itemized expenses for Blue Moon's *pro bono* work totalled \$27,542.53. The results of Blue Moon's investigation can be found at [www.ejfi.org/emerson.htm](http://www.ejfi.org/emerson.htm).

Unreimbursed expenses at year's end amounted to \$1,433, down from \$1,705 at the beginning of 2004.

### *Management costs*

Management costs: accounting, corporate registration, conferences, and meetings totaled \$254 and our overhead ratio was thus 6.0%. All personnel are volunteer and their time is contributed free of cost to the Equal Justice Foundation.

### *Total expenses*

Total paid Foundation expenses for the year were then \$3,838.