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## 2005 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 a 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.

#### *Making people aware of the problems*

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.* Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado at *dvmen.org* contains sections such as how to deal with domestic violence, extensive information on restraining orders, and etc., and is used by thousands of men and women every day. In 2005 our web sites had approximately 1.5 million visitors.
- *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 newsletters.

- *EJF members hand out brochures* at events with helpful information and contact information. In some cases EJF members or others use our research and information to produce handouts to fit their local situation.
- *The EJF partners with groups* that have similar goals and missions such as American Coalition of Families and Children (ACFC); Women Against Domestic Violence (WADV); Battered Men's Helpline in Maine; and Stop Abuse For Everyone (SAFE) 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. In most cases the information they need is available on our web sites, which received 1.5 million visits in 2005.
- *The Equal Justice Foundation is member supported and works as a cooperative with its members*. In many cases someone joining 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 members and contributors to find a private investigator or a paralegal to assist them, or in cases of paternity fraud, how, when, and where to get DNA genetic 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 or our resources are simply stretched too thin.

## **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.

### *State and national voting issues.*

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. However, in 2005 the IEEE voting standards committee became inactive.<sup>1</sup> The EAC/NIST “voluntary” standards that are being issued in place of IEEE standards are considered to be inadequate and dangerous. The Equal Justice Foundation continues to track and speak out about election problems nationally, statewide in Colorado, and locally in El Paso County where the Equal Justice Foundation is headquartered.

### *Colorado Secretary of State*

Since 2000 the Equal Justice Foundation and Citizens for Accurate Mail Ballot Election Results (CAMBER) in Boulder have had great difficulty dealing with the elections department of the Colorado Secretary of State’s office. The director, Billy Compton,<sup>2</sup> and his staff have operated in secret and persisted in issuing dangerous and capricious rules for elections. They have also consistently ruled against citizens attempting to protect the sanctity of elections and refused to accept citizen suggestions or review.

#### *Statewide voter registration database*

After passage of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) in 2002 the Colorado Secretary of State contracted for a statewide SCORE election database with Accenture (son of Arthur Anderson of Enron infamy) and that was always considered a disaster in the making.<sup>3</sup>

In mid-2005 Sec. of State Donetta Davidson resigned to accept a position with the national Election Assistance Commission. Her departure is considered a gain for Colorado but a loss for the nation.

On December 1<sup>st</sup> acting Secretary of State Gigi Dennis, who was appointed by Gov. Owens to replace Donetta Davidson, fired Accenture and abandoned the SCORE program after wasting \$1.5 million, although the state is attempting to get a refund of most of that. The federal deadline for completion of a statewide voter registration database under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) is January 1, 2006, but Dennis plans to start a new design so that deadline was obviously missed.

In spite of the chaos apparent in the Colorado Secretary of State’s office the Equal Justice Foundation continues to work for fair, open, and honest elections using a secret ballot.

### *Voting Centers*

*The Equal Justice Foundation strongly opposes the use of voting centers.<sup>4</sup>*

Voting centers have been forcefully promoted by Scott Doyle, County Clerk of Larimer County, Colorado, as a panacea to all voting ills. Doyle was willing to lie to Colorado House committee about efficacy of voting centers in an April 26<sup>th</sup> hearing.

In practice, the Larimer County November 1, 2005 election results were indeterminate for several weeks after that election. Also, Larimer County strongly encouraged voters to use absentee ballots or early voting to reduce long lines at voting centers on Election Day.

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1. The IEEE P1583 working group attempting to set national standards for electronic precinct voting machines was formally dissolved in January 2006.
  2. Billy Compton resigned as Colorado Director of Elections on March 1, 2006.
  3. See [www.ejfi.org/Voting/Voting-73.htm#statewide](http://www.ejfi.org/Voting/Voting-73.htm#statewide)
  4. For more details on voting centers see [www.ejfi.org/Voting/Voting-73.htm#voting](http://www.ejfi.org/Voting/Voting-73.htm#voting).

Among other shortcomings, voting centers also do away with neighborhood precincts.

The El Paso County Clerk formed a task group<sup>5</sup> to consider the use of voting centers here and EJF members and volunteers participated on that task force. After review the task force decided to remain with precinct voting supplemented with absentee and early voting.

### *Review of November 2004 general election in El Paso County.*

A group of volunteers working this issue under the aegis of the Equal Justice Foundation met seven times during 2005 and exchanged numerous emails. The efforts of these volunteers resulted in an 11-page letter on November 14, 2005 to El Paso County, Colorado, Clerk.

After reviewing our comments the clerk's office began publishing maps of precincts, candidates, issues, and special districts on their web site.<sup>6</sup> That solved a number of the problems our volunteer group had with reviewing the November 2004 election. Unresolved were issues with large undervotes and the contents of election reports.

The El Paso County Clerk also initiated an Election Commission that began meeting in January 2006 and appointed Dr. Corry to that commission. Other members of the volunteer group are also attending the commission meeting.

### *Highlights of activity by Dr. Corry on election issues in 2005*

- **April 9, 2005** — Presented seminar on Bad Ideas For Voting<sup>7</sup> at East Library in Colorado Springs to about 35 interested citizens.
- **April 26, 2005** — At the request of House Majority Leader Alice Madden, testified as expert witness before Colorado House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs committee on SB 05-198 regarding voter verified paper records on all electronic voting machines and required election audits. Bill passed and is now law.

In the November 2005 election this law resulted in ten counties being required to do hand recount and election results were changed in two counties as a result of the hand count making the problems with electronic vote counting machines glaringly obvious.

- **May 9, 2005** — Testified as expert witness on problems with voting centers before El Paso County, Colorado, commission. Commissioners then voted to stay with traditional precinct voting.
- **June 27 and 30, 2005** — Testified as expert witness against mail-in elections before El Paso County, Colorado commission. Commissioners then voted to stay with traditional precinct voting. In the event the November 1<sup>st</sup> turnout was a record high for an off-year election. Letter noting this result appeared in the November 9<sup>th</sup> Colorado Springs Gazette.

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5. See [car.elpasoco.com/vctaskforce.asp](http://car.elpasoco.com/vctaskforce.asp) for the findings of the El Paso County vote center task force.

6. See [car.elpasoco.com/eleresmaparchive.asp](http://car.elpasoco.com/eleresmaparchive.asp).

7. See [www.ejfi.org/Voting/Voting-73.htm](http://www.ejfi.org/Voting/Voting-73.htm)

## Research

*During 2005 the Equal Justice Foundation continued to conduct research, publish, and present public lectures 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.

One result of EJF research is the finding that women are as negatively impacted by the current draconian domestic violence laws as men, even when the women initiate the action and are actually abused. The following is but one of many examples<sup>8</sup> of what we hear from women:

“I am on your mailing list and thought you would find the attached of interest...I am a woman who was physically and emotionally abused by my ex-husband for 18 years. It was minimal abuse compared to what I experienced in the Rhode Island Family courts by the attorneys and judges who victimized me. Seven years later, and I am still being “*legally raped.*” My ex-husband has succeeded in alienating me from my two sons. Yes, it’s amazing that in such a sophisticated country, America, we have a judicial system that is everything but honorable.”

The only apparent difference between men and women caught up the legal system is that there appears to be a time delay of about two years for the negative impacts to hit women. With men, the negative effects occur almost immediately.

#### *Invited talk*

In October Dr. Corry was invited to give a talk on domestic violence and Colorado law at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada. That was an outstanding opportunity to present research results for the Equal Justice Foundation. Three slides among many findings stand out.

The first, shown as Figure 1 below, is that there is a distinct peak in the age at which women (and likely men) commit extreme violence.

These results suggest a biological connection with the change of life women undergo between age 35 and 50. Further, if there is a biological basis then medical treatment is possible to end or lessen the violence.

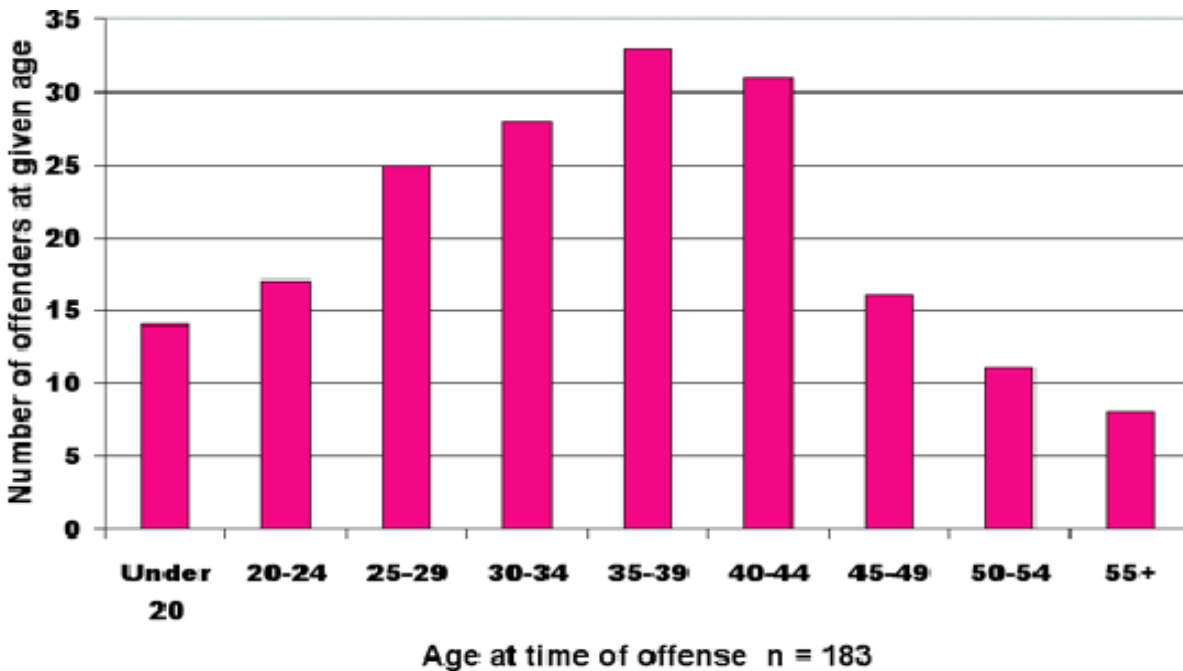
A second finding is the horrific impact the unrestrained issuance of restraining orders appears to be having on marriage. In Figure 2, below, it is quite evident that the number of restraining orders issued in Colorado now equals the number of marriages, and will soon exceed them. Without reform of domestic violence laws, and related anti-family courts, the institution of marriage will soon fade. That has long been a dream of radical neo-Marxist feminists but it portends a disaster for a capitalist society.

In a plot of fifteen years of data from the Colorado Springs Police Department, shown in Figure 3 below, the most obvious effect of the draconian domestic violence laws in Colorado in

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8. For other stories see In Women’s Own Words at [www.dvmen.org/dv-119.htm](http://www.dvmen.org/dv-119.htm).

Figure 1. Age Of Women Using Extreme Violence Against Male Intimate Partners



**Extreme violence includes murder, attempted murder, attacks with a deadly weapon, murder by hire, conspiracy to commit murder, arson, poisoning, kidnapping, and similar crimes.**

1994 has been a continuous and dramatic drop in the number of 911 domestic calls. This result has become rather famous and has now been replicated in three other cities. In 2004 there were fewer 911 domestic calls than in 1990 despite a large increase in population and other 911 calls.

It is also evident in the plot that, despite an initial jump in 1995 in arrests for simple assault, the type of arrest most commonly associated with domestic violence, that by 2004 such arrests were indistinguishable from the number of such arrests that would be expected by extrapolating from the population increase.

Further, only a few percent of 911 domestic disturbance calls actually result in an arrest. The inference is that mandatory arrest laws seldom actually result in an arrest.

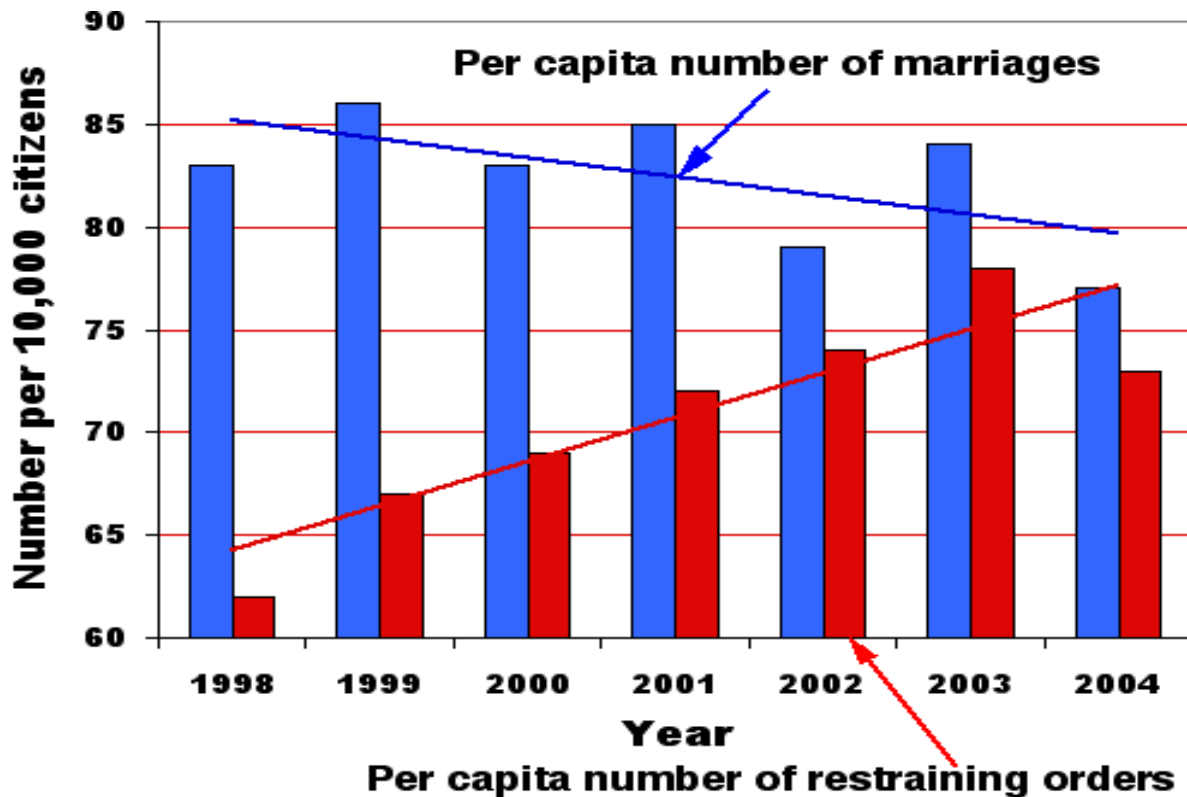
*Colorado Domestic Violence Offender Management Board*

Dr. Corry continues to attend the monthly meetings of the Colorado Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) in Lakewood, and serves on both the research and treatment review committees 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. By the end of 2005 approximately 5,000 survey forms had been returned from DV treatment providers making this one of the largest domestic violence treatment surveys ever done.

In May 2005 district attorneys from around the state requested a review of treatment programs for domestic violence offenders. Since then a number of district attorneys have met monthly in a subcommittee of the DVOMB to review treatment. Dr. Corry attends those meetings as well.

Figure 2. Impact On Marriages Of Epidemic Increase In Restraining Orders



**Sources:**

**Marriage rates** are from Colorado Department of Health and Environment and Center for Disease Control National Vital Statistics Reports, v. 53, no. 18.

**Restraining order rates** calculated from U.S. Census population data and Colorado courts annual statistical reports.

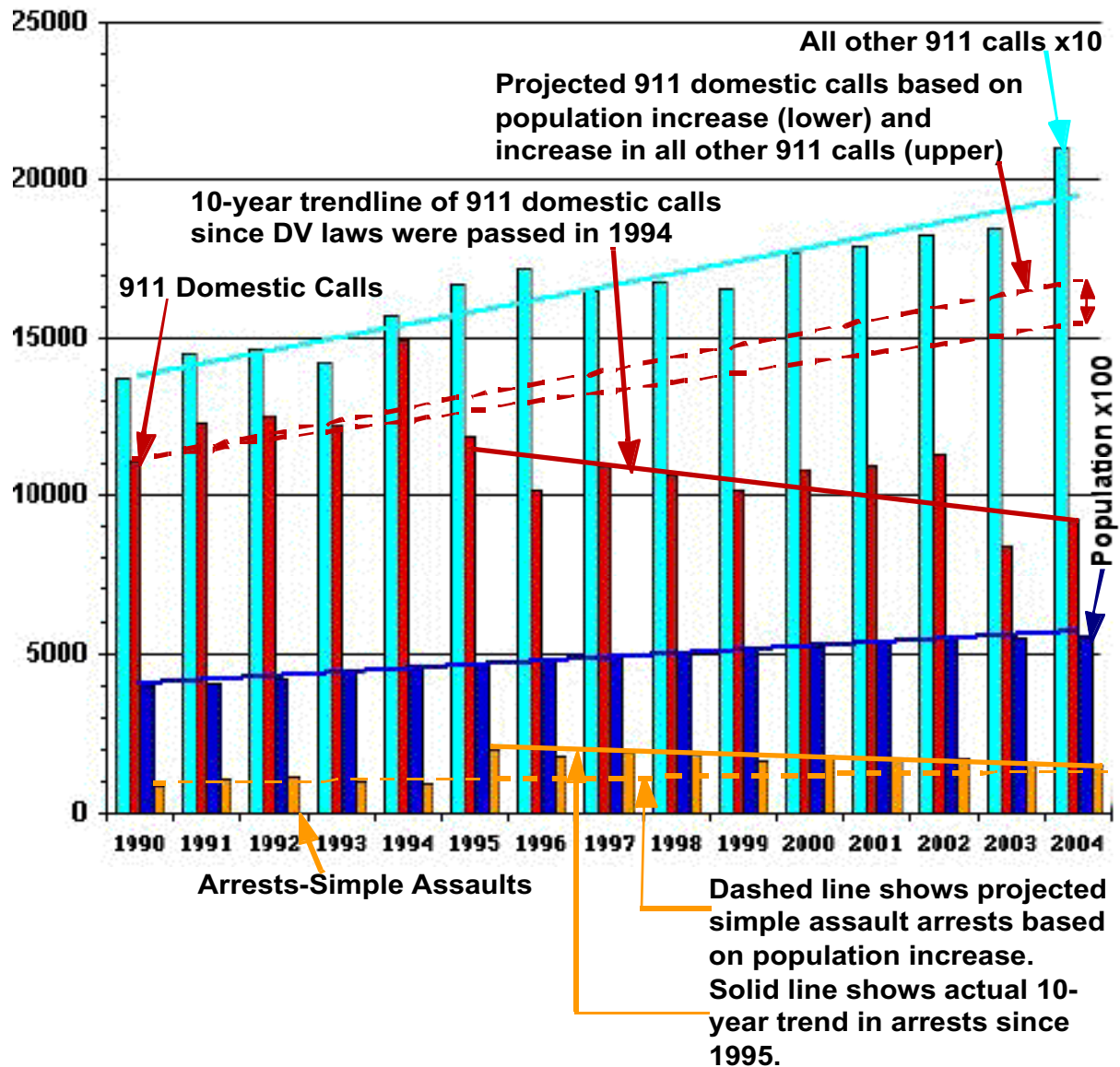
Changes in the handling of convicted DV offenders between district attorneys, probation departments, and treatment providers are to begin in 2006.

In August the district attorney and county court in the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (El Paso and Teller Counties) began a pilot program for pre-sentence evaluation of DV offenders who had taken a plea bargain. Dr. Corry and another EJF member attended reviews of this program and offered an extensive critique as well. The DVOMB is also reviewing this pilot program and it is expected that other pilot programs dealing with convicted offenders will be initiated in Colorado at the end of 2006. As one result the extensive penalties associated with a domestic violence conviction, and a plea bargain is a conviction, have been tabulated on the *dymen.org* web site. The tabulation of penalties for a simple misdemeanor conviction runs to five pages.

*Revisions to Colorado domestic violence laws*

In December Rep. Debbie Stafford held two hearings on potential changes to domestic violence laws in Colorado with some emphasis on the possible need to revise the mandatory arrest requirement.

Figure 3. Colorado Springs Police Data 1990-2004



The first was held on November 30<sup>th</sup> at the state capitol in Denver and board member LaRae Musselman, VP Sheryle Hutter, and Dr. Corry attended that hearing. They were greatly outnumbered by representatives of the DV industry and little progress was made. VP Hutter indicated considerable concern about the conflict of interest with Rep. Stafford since she is a DV treatment provider and any reforms might cut into Stafford’s income.

A second hearing was held on December 14<sup>th</sup> and about 15 EJF members and officers attended that hearing. Thus, EJF representation was approximately equal to the DV industry at that hearing, which somewhat stymied them. At the end of the hearings Rep. Stafford indicated she might submit a bill to form a legislative study committee on the issue of domestic violence. As of mid-March 2006 she has not done so.



## *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 biological 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. In 2005 a complete revision of the work on families and marriage published on our web site<sup>9</sup> was begun. Five chapters were added as a result of those revisions in early 2006 and the topics covered now include:

- Marriage, The Bedrock Of Civilization
- Divorce, Twenty-First Century Plague
- Child Support: A Program For Everyone But Children And Fathers
- Families In The Twenty-First Century
- The Military Family
- Fathers And Mothers Today
- Paternity Fraud Epidemic
- Who's Minding The Minders? — The Fate Of Children

An index was added as well and the abstract revised.

## *Courts and civil liberties*

In 2005 the Equal Justice Foundation continued its review of the conduct of Colorado judges in the chapter Colorado Judges — Citizen's Review.<sup>10</sup>

- In March we documented how Vincent White used his position to beat a DUI charge after being appointed a district judge in the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.<sup>11</sup>
- In June we reviewed a Colorado Supreme Court case that makes it perfectly legal to suborn perjury in this state.<sup>12</sup>
- In October we presented another Colorado Supreme Court case that makes it painfully obvious why, under current Colorado law, a man has to be functionally insane to marry and a drooling idiot to sire a child.<sup>13</sup>
- In November we posted details of a Kafkaesque scenario where a citizen was charged with felony perjury for what she didn't say in response to questions that were never asked in voir dire during jury selection.<sup>14</sup>

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9. See [www.ejfi.org/family/family.htm](http://www.ejfi.org/family/family.htm)

10. See [www.dvmen.org/dv-65.htm](http://www.dvmen.org/dv-65.htm)

11. See [www.dvmen.org/Cases/Judge White DUI.htm](http://www.dvmen.org/Cases/Judge%20White%20DUI.htm)

12. See [www.dvmen.org/Cases/04SA178\\_SCEnBanc\\_Turner.htm](http://www.dvmen.org/Cases/04SA178_SCEnBanc_Turner.htm)

13. See [www.dvmen.org/Cases/03SC751\\_SCEnBanc\\_Spahmer.htm](http://www.dvmen.org/Cases/03SC751_SCEnBanc_Spahmer.htm)

14. See [www.dvmen.org/Cases/96CR91\\_1Nieto\\_Kriho.htm](http://www.dvmen.org/Cases/96CR91_1Nieto_Kriho.htm)

- In December we noted the outrage of citizens over the appointment of Lily Oeffler to become a district court judge in the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District after she actively participated in a coverup of the massacre at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, as an assistant county attorney in Jefferson County.<sup>15</sup>

## Publications

The results of our studies are widely distributed by use of the World Wide Web, newspaper and magazine articles and advertisements, 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 about 50,000 per month when schools and universities are not in session (see Figure 4 below).

### *Newspapers*

- *January 7, 2005* — Letter by Corry titled Balink's Folly published by Colorado Springs Gazette addressing election integrity.
- *July 10, 2005* — Full page ad on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) published in Washington Times weekly edition. Paid for by Dr. Mark Klein.
- *October 21, 2005* — Corry interviewed by Vail Daily, Colorado, on public sex offender registry and false allegations.
- *November 9, 2005* — Letter in Colorado Springs Gazette concerning superior turnout in precinct-election versus previous mail-in election.

### *Newsletters*

A newsletter is distributed to a general list of subscribers that numbered about 2,200 by the end of 2005. These individuals are located in every state of the United States and at least twenty-seven 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 2005 the size of our mailing list grew by about 600, from roughly 1,600 to 2,200 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 EJJF 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 greatly expanding the exposure of our work.

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15. See [www.dvmen.org/Cases/IJD-Oeffler-Bad\\_pick.htm](http://www.dvmen.org/Cases/IJD-Oeffler-Bad_pick.htm)

## Public appearances

### *Talk shows, radio, TV interviews, and invited presentations*

- *February 5, 2005* — KMSP-TV Fox 9 News Twin Cities, Minnesota — Corry interviewed by Riselle Riginnis about Super Bowl Sunday redfem factoid.
- *September 19, 2005* — Corry participated in Dads On The Air talk show in Sydney, Australia. This was his second appearance Down Under.
- *October 8, 2005* — Corry presented invited talk at University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada on Domestic Violence And The Legal System In Colorado.
- *November 2, 2005* — Corry appeared on KRights radio — Web cast and Denver area.
- *November 18, 2005* — Corry appeared on KRights radio a second time.
- *December 20, 2005* — Corry appeared on Chuck Baker show in Colorado Springs discussing child protective service's reaction to the Christmas Story<sup>16</sup> if it happened today.
- *December 27, 2005* — Contacted by Angelena Abate from CNN's Paula Zahn show about male victims of domestic violence. Put out call for stories from men for her.

### *Other public appearances*

- *February, 2005* — Vice President Hutter attended a Property Rights rally on Eminent Domain issues in Denver.
- *February 14, 2005* — Vice President Hutter and member Howard Deaton participated in a Fathers 4 Justice rally at the Denver courthouse. EJF flyers on domestic violence and restraining orders were distributed during the rally.
- *April 9, 2005* — Dr. Corry presented a seminar on Bad Ideas For Voting in the East Library, Colorado Springs to about 35 interested citizens.

## Web sites

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

*Far from it.*

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

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16. See [www.ejfi.org/family/family-73.htm](http://www.ejfi.org/family/family-73.htm)

### *Equal Justice Foundation web site*

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

- *Families and Marriage* — 81 essays in 8 chapters.
- *Domestic Violence* — 12 chapters, 10 essays, and hundreds of stories of abused and murdered men from 46 states.
- *Civilization* — 14 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 2005 the Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado site *dvmen.org* had grown to eighteen chapters with more than one hundred fifty essays by thirty-three authors, as well as numerous vignettes outlining the experience 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 states.
- Issues Of Public Interest — Sites in the United States for fourteen issues.
- Issues Of Public Interest — Nineteen 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*” *now lists our DV against men site first*. For “*courts civil liberties*” *on Google we are seventh*. “*Marriage families*” on Google finds us at *number five*, and “*restraining orders*” is at number eleven.

### Web site usage in 2005

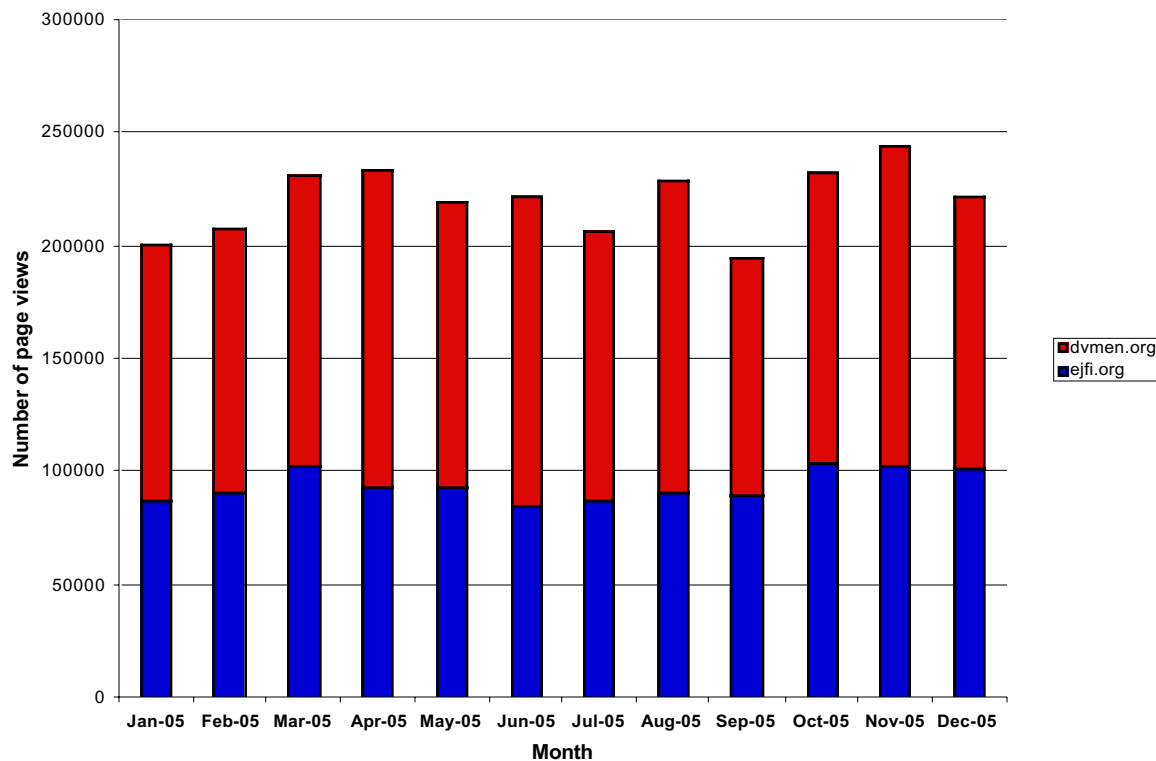
As a result of the quality of our publications and research, and our exceptionally high rankings on search engines, during 2005 hits on our web sites rose from 2,202,572 in 2004 to 2,646,134 in 2005. For all of 2005 our sites averaged 7,250 hits per day, up from 6,000 hits per day in 2004.

As in 2004, 57% of the total hits were on the *dvmen.org* site and 43% on the *ejfi.org* site. Every day between 3,300 and 3,500 people link directly to our sites plus at least 500 more link from other sites. That translates into 1.5 million visits to our sites in 2005.

We estimate that about 10% of the visits to our sites are new users. That suggests we are currently attracting around 150,000 new users every year.

As shown in Figure 4, while usage steadily increases throughout the year, it is distinctly cyclic with peaks in April, August, and November. These peaks correlate best with times when schools and colleges are in session and students are doing term papers and research projects. In addition we receive numerous requests and questions from students and some teachers. Clearly, 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.

**Figure 4. Equal Justice Foundation Web Site Usage By Month For 2005**



*The above data make it 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 without compensation.

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

### *2005 board meetings*

In 2005 the spring meeting of the Board of Directors convened on Sunday, March 20, 2005, at the Cherry Creek Schools Administrative Building, Greenwood Village, Colorado. The meeting was called to order at 12:40 PM and adjourned at 5:45 PM.

The fall meeting was held on Sunday, November 20, 2005, again at the Cherry Creek Schools Administrative Building, Greenwood Village, Colorado. The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 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.

### *Board of Directors*

As often occurs with foundations there were differences of opinion on the goals and objectives of the organization. Those differences led to Linda Sanders resigning as a board member in August 2005.

After considerable dissension Mrs. LaRae Musselman from Longmont, Colorado, volunteered to complete Ms. Sanders' term. She will seek a full three-year term of her own at the spring 2006 board meeting. Mrs. Musselman is a public accountant and has worked with a number of charitable organizations, e.g., Meals on Wheels, in northern Colorado.

Mr. Robert Alvarez from Colorado Springs is the third board members. Mr. Alvarez has been active with the Marine Corps League, where he and Dr. Corry became acquainted some six years ago while Alvarez was Paymaster of the League. Bob Alvarez also has extensive personal experience with many of the issues the Equal Justice Foundation deals with.

Dr. Charles Corry continued as founding director and president.<sup>17</sup>

The current board members are:

*LaRae Musselman* (term ends in spring of 2006)

*Dr. Charles Corry* (term ends in spring of 2007)

*Robert Alvarez* (term ends in spring of 2008)

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17. For Dr. Corry's biography see Marquis Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Science and Engineering, or Google on "famous earth scientists."

## *Officers*

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

At the fall meeting Paulette Vaughn and Sheryle Hutter wanted to switch positions and Mrs. Hutter then became Vice President. 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.

Dean Tollefson resigned as Treasurer effective September 31, 2005.

After agreeing with Mrs. Hutter to switch positions, Paulette Vaughn became Secretary and at the fall meeting also agreed to assume the position of Treasurer. Ms. Vaughn retired in January 2004 after 34 years as a contracting officer at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

The current foundation officers are:

*Dr. Charles Corry* — President and Founding Director.

*Sheryle Hutter* — Vice President

*Paulette Vaughn* — Secretary and Treasurer

## **Fund raising activities**

The Equal Justice Foundation is primarily supported by dues and contributions from its members.

### *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 Secretary/Treasurer Paulette Vaughn, we qualified for participation in four of five regions of Colorado for the 2006 campaign.

### *Other proposals*

One other funding proposal was submitted and rejected in 2005. After mid-year, health problems with Dr. Corry and Ms. Vaughn limited activities and planned fund-raising activities were curtailed.

Fund raising is an area that needs more volunteer effort and where the Foundation is sadly lacking. Funding is also needed to support the Foundation's efforts in dealing with voting equipment standards and election fraud.

## Treasurer's report

### *Income*

During 2005 the Foundation was entirely supported by members and individual contributions. Dues from new and renewing members amounted to \$1,929, and contributions totaled \$2,083 including approximately \$700 from the 2005 CFC campaign. Total income was thus \$4,012, as compared to \$4,221 in 2004.

### *Operating expenses*

Program expenses for supplies, telephone, Internet connection and web site hosting, postage, shipping, printing, and travel totaled \$3,660 for the year.

Unreimbursed expenses at year's end amounted to \$696, down from \$1,433 at the beginning of 2005.

### *Management costs*

Management costs: accounting, corporate registration, conferences, and meetings totaled \$352 and our overhead ratio was thus 8.7%. All personnel are volunteers and their time is contributed free of cost to the Equal Justice Foundation.

### *Total expenses*

Total paid Foundation expenses for the year were then \$4,011.