

One of our seven cases is pending before the Supreme Court; we've filed an amicus brief in the two consolidated cases that will soon be decided by the high court.

THE IRS

We are representing 41 organizations wrongfully targeted by the IRS because of their conservative views and activities. They were denied tax-exempt status, which hindered their efforts to raise money and accomplish their mission, in a crucial election year. This was an egregious and completely illegal action by the IRS.

The ACLJ has now filed its second amended complaint, as we continue to learn more about the breadth and depth of the agency's abuses. For example, it is now known that the IRS provided confidential taxpayer information to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) — in violation of the law. We also now know that this scandal goes all the way up to the office of the IRS's Chief Counsel (an Obama

actions that appear to have resulted in the unlawful targeting of our clients — a self-induced unconstitutional act. A climate of hostility was created, making it impossible for our clients to exercise their First Amendment freedoms in an election year — stifling their ability to participate in the political debate. All of this is reflected in our second amended complaint.

Even more recently, we've learned that a long-time supporter of President Obama has been appointed by Attorney General Holder to oversee the criminal investigation of the IRS targeting scandal. That a highly partisan Obama supporter should be heading up the Justice Department's investigation of the IRS scheme is an absurd conflict of interest. It raises serious questions about the integrity of the investigation and, quite frankly, puts politics right in the middle of what is supposed to be an independent investigation.

Meanwhile, Lois Lerner, at the center of the scandal, is retiring on a generous taxpayer-funded pension, instead of being fired for the unconstitutional activities of her department.

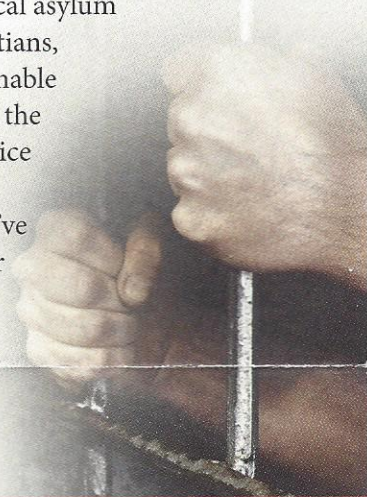
We are just weeks from filing our response to the government's latest

in this enormous case.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION

Christians are under fire all over the world. Through our Global Persecution Initiative, the ACLJ is fighting back.

From our Jerusalem office in particular, we are fighting for religious freedom for those persecuted for their faith, especially in Pakistan, but also all across the Middle East and beyond. In addition, we are working on multiple cases in which converts to Christianity face the prospect of persecution — unemployment, arrest, imprisonment, torture, mutilation, even death — if they return to the hostile environment of their Islamic home countries. We're filing for political asylum for these Christians, which would enable them to stay in the West and practice their Christian faith safely. We've won asylum for a number of individuals already; other cases are pending.



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A PERSONAL WORD

from the CHIEF COUNSEL

over the past year. You have empowered our work in support of life and liberty.

Certainly 2014 is shaping up as an urgently important year. We see crucial cases and issues moving rapidly, with faith and freedom at stake in troubling new ways.

So I thank you in advance for your Renewal Gift; you will make a very real difference in the months ahead.

God bless you, and God bless America!



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