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By Paul T. Angel

ocial and political strife has a long history in America. For those of us who have been around a while, however, the radical polarization and no-holds-barred enmity of today's public discourse bespeaks an alarming descent toward chaos and the collapse of the ordered liberty bequeathed us by the framers of our Constitution. The Free Expression Foundation (FEF) has set itself the ambitious goal of being a bulwark against this chaos and degradation of public debate, especially in opposition to the odious cancel culture. Such stiff defenses are desperately needed, as traditional defenders of unpopular speech such as the American Civil Liberties Union have run from the battlefield.

FEF is making progress towards its ambitious goals. In the last several months it has increased its outreach to sympathetic attorneys and donors, begun to redesign its website, taken steps to hire additional help, and investigated several new potential cases. It also has devoted its expertise and support to its existing matters, including:

• Filing a total of five *amicus curiae* briefs in the two Rise Above Movement appeals, one in the Fourth and the other in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (federal). These are appeals from the politically motivated prosecutions of eight young men, members of the Rise Above Movement, under the flagrantly unconstitutional Anti-Riot Act. These men had done little more than defend themselves against attacks by Antifa and their accomplices at the Charlottesville protests and certain California pro-Trump rallies, yet four of them received lengthy

prison sentences while the Antifa thugs were never prosecuted! A Joe Biden administration will undoubtedly expand the use of this unconstitutional law. The Fourth and Ninth Circuit cases are almost certainly headed to the Supreme Court, and FEF will be filing an *amicus* brief there as well.

- Supporting Glen Allen's appeal in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals of the District Court's blatantly unjustified dismissal of Allen's complaint against the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). The District Court essentially held it was not "plausible" that the SPLC had used bribery and other wrongful acts to obtain information with which it engineered Allen's dismissal from his employment simply for his donating to an organization deemed "racist" by the hatemongering SPLC. Oral argument has been scheduled for Allen's appeal in late January 2021.
- Providing initial legal research in support of possible claims by a young family (parents and three young children) who were forced out of their residential community, where they had been living peacefully, after the SPLC published a fallacious "racist" hit piece about the parents.
- Providing financial support to the parents of Jacob Goodwin, the young man who received a grossly disproportionate sentence of eight years in prison for kicking (but not seriously injuring) one of the counter-protesters at the Charlottesville confrontation. Jacob is serving his time in a Virginia state prison; his parents live in Alabama. The parents, devout Christians, are not wealthy, and cannot afford the cost of travelling to Virginia to see their son. FEF has provided grants to help them visit Jacob. FEF is also discussing a possible habeas corpus petition on Jacob's behalf.

• Providing financial support to several other litigants who have run afoul of the prevailing, and highly intolerant, liberal orthodoxy.

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FEF is grateful for the past support of its donors, which has enabled it to make real progress toward its goal of becoming a credible and effective voice for true free expression. It respectfully asks that this support continue, helping FEF fulfill its much-needed mission. And your support could not come at a better time, as generous donors have agreed to match 3X donations FEF receives prior to Jan. 1, 2021. So, for example, if this fundraising appeal raises \$3,000, the donors will give \$9,000. (If you are not interested in having this as a tax-free charitable donation to write off your 2020 taxes, this deadline can be extended to Jan. 31, 2021.)

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