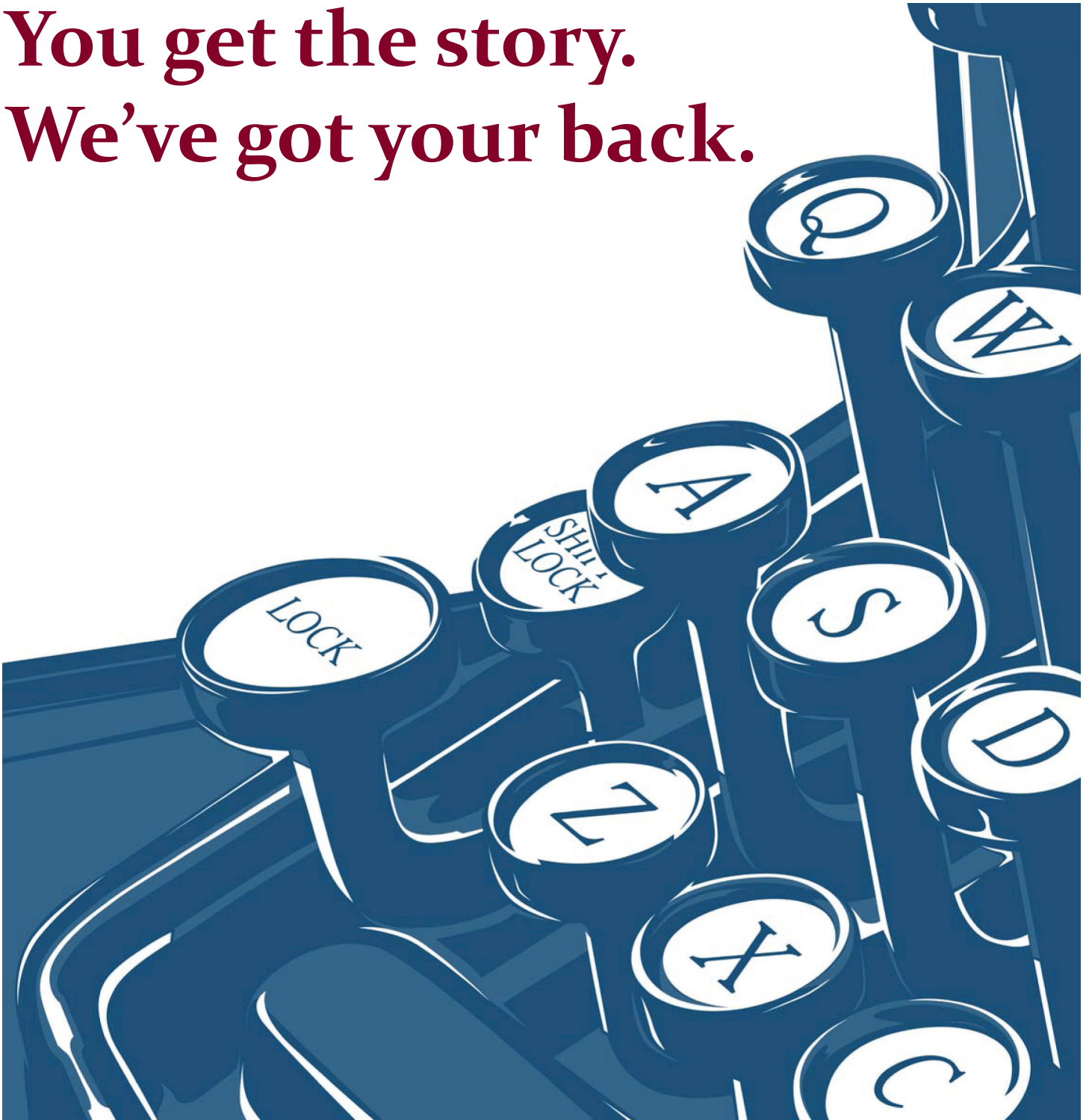


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Annual Report 2014

Exploring new directions, but constant at our core

If the only constant is change, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press was extremely constant in 2014.

One of our biggest changes was moving back to Washington, D.C., after more than a decade in Northern Virginia. The move puts us back at the heart of the action in D.C., with easy accessibility to the news media, legal community and policy makers who work closely with us on First Amendment and freedom of information issues.

In 2014, we were also able to stir up change with the once-in-a-generation opportunity to reform federal guidelines on subpoenas to the press. Following public outcry over government overreaching in recent leaks investigations, we swung into action, playing a leadership role in coordinating across the news media and the Justice Department to revise the guidelines to better protect reporters. We put hundreds of pro bono hours into these negotiations over almost two years — and the revisions issued in January 2015 contain significant improvements.

A new direction for the Reporters Committee came to fruition in 2014 as we hired our first litigation director to oversee our transition to direct litigation for journalists and news organizations. As always, our services are provided pro bono. We took on several important access and freedom of information cases, and have already expanded our docket as we move into 2015.

Although holding the First Amendment Awards Dinner is not itself new, in 2014 we added four new names to the roster of winners — and raised more than \$730,000 for the Reporters Committee. These dinners are essential to our continued operations and to being able to provide legal services and resources at no cost to journalists and news outlets. Please save the date now for our 2016 gala, slated for May 17 at The Pierre in New York City.

Throughout all this change, however, the core functions of the Reporters Committee never waver. We will come to the aid of news organizations and journalists who are arrested, subpoenaed or otherwise prevented from covering news without interference. And we will continue to provide amicus brief support, our trusted legal guides, hotline help and mobile applications that make us the go-to resource for journalists around the country.



Pierre Thomas
ABC News
2015-16 Steering Committee Chair



Bruce D. Brown
Reporters Committee
Executive Director

The Year in Review

First Amendment Awards Dinner

MAY: Some 500 people gathered at The Pierre Hotel in New York to celebrate the accomplishments of **Sharon Percy Rockefeller** of WETA, **Carol Rosenberg** of The Miami Herald, **Bruce W. Sanford** of BakerHostetler, and **Arthur O. Sulzberger Jr.** of The New York Times. Keynote speaker was **Kathleen Carroll** from The Associated Press. Dinner co-chairs were **Donald A. Baer** of Burson-Marsteller and **Donald E. Graham** of Graham Holdings Co. The event raised more than \$730,000 for the Reporters Committee. Read their remarks and see more photos at rcfp.org/awardsdinner2014.



L-R: Kathleen Carroll; Sharon Percy Rockefeller and Judy Woodruff; Carol Rosenberg and Andrea Mitchell; Bruce W. Sanford, María Luisa Ferré Rangel, and Richard A. Boehne; Donald E. Graham and Arthur O. Sulzberger Jr.; Donald A. Baer.



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Justin Rockefeller, Indre Rockefeller

Right: Reporters Committee Executive Director Bruce Brown and Steering Committee Chair Saundra Torry of USA TODAY welcome the nearly 500 attendees to The Pierre.



Photos by Jonathon Ziegler/PatrickMcMullin.com

2014 by the numbers: **50** Briefs, letters and comments filed; **132** Organizations joining the Reporters Committee on briefs, comments and letters ; **584** Journalist queries answered by our legal experts.

Justice Department dialogue continues

MAY: The Reporters Committee led the News Media Dialogue Group in meetings with then-Attorney General Eric Holder to develop more protective guidelines for subpoenaing reporters and news organizations. The talks were a continuation of discussions that addressed newsgathering issues spurred by revelations in 2013 that the Department of Justice had secretly seized records from news organizations.

For nearly two years, the Reporters Committee dedicated itself to refining the new guidelines, which provide a higher standard of protection for journalists. As a result, the new guidelines:

- ensure that reporters are not investigated as “co-conspirators” in leak investigations;
- strengthen notice provisions to protect against secret subpoenas to phone companies and email service providers;
- remove language limiting coverage only to “ordinary newsgathering”; and
- apply for the first time to search warrants.



Helping journalists in Ferguson

AUGUST: Reporters Committee attorneys responded immediately as the news came in that journalists were being detained and harassed while covering protests that followed the shooting of a young black man by a white police officer in Ferguson, Mo.

Leading a coalition of 48 national media organizations, the Reporters Committee sent a letter protesting the treatment of reporters and photographers to state and local law enforcement, and later urged the Department of Justice to include treatment of the news media as part of its investigation of events. A Reporters Committee Web page of resources, including local legal counsel, was posted at rcfp.org/fmomediahotline.



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Special programs: Legal clinics and technology

The Reporters Committee occasionally receives grants to work on special projects that take our work in new directions. In 2014, two of those special projects included:

A report funded by the Stanton Foundation to look at **the role law school clinics can play in assisting media law work** and journalists. In addition to interviewing experts at clinics around the nation, media attorneys and journalism faculty, Reporters Committee attorneys worked on cases with law school clinics and students at the University of Virginia, Yale and UCLA.

The Reporters Committee received a grant from First Look Media to hire its first technologist, who has helped the Reporters Committee **integrate its free press work with the new technologies** and tools that are changing journalism. The technologist, who came on board in 2015, also has helped the Reporters Committee improve its own internal security and encryption practices.

The Year in Review

Intelligence and communications report discussed

JANUARY: The Reporters Committee and the Medill National Security Journalism Institute hosted a panel at the National Press Club in Washington to discuss the report from the president's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies. Panelsists were (L-R) AP general counsel Karen Kaiser; journalist Barton Gellman; Ellen Shearer of Medill; Siobhan Gorman of the Wall Street Journal; Sascha Meinrath, of the New America Foundation; and Geoffrey Stone from the University of Chicago Law School and a member of the president's Review Group.



Watch the video of the discussion on the Reporters Committee website at rcfp.org/new-date-lawyers-journalists-technologist-discuss-report-presidents-panel-intelligence-and-communic.

Sunshine Week shines on SCOTUS



MARCH: The Reporters Committee and the American Society of News Editors teamed up again to co-sponsor Sunshine Week 2014, during which the Reporters Committee and NYU-Washington hosted a discussion on transparency and the U.S. Supreme Court.

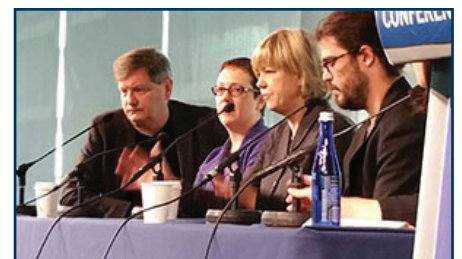
Participants included (L-R) Dahlia Lithwick, Slate Supreme Court reporter; William Jay, Goodwin Procter partner and former Justice Scalia law clerk; Clay Johnson, CEO of the Department of Better Technology and Blue State Digital founder; Eric Segall, Georgia State University School of Law professor; Bruce Brown, Reporters Committee executive director; and Sonja West, University of Georgia School of Law professor and former Justice Stevens law clerk. Watch online at c-span.org/video/?318407-1/supreme-court-transparency.



Digital security for newsgathering since Snowden

OCTOBER: James Risen of The New York Times, Julia Angwin of ProPublica, Dana Priest of The Washington Post, and Christopher Soghoian from the ACLU (below, l-r) discussed real-world encryption problems during a daylong conference on digital security for journalists at the Newseum, co-hosted by the Reporters Committee, the Freedom of the Press Foundation and New America Foundation's Open Technology Institute. Sponsors were the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the Ford Foundation and Open Society Foundations.

Other panel topics included how to protect reporters digitally on an institutional level and lessons learned from the experience of reporting on the NSA leaks from Edward Snowden. The day included a video chat with Snowden and was capped by a screening of the documentary "Citizen Four." Panel videos are online at rcfp.org/encryptnews.



Litigation activity increases; director hired

The Reporters Committee moved forward with a new focus on direct representation of journalists and news organizations. Activity picked up even more after the hiring of the first Reporters Committee litigation director (*see below*). To learn more about these cases and for ongoing litigation updates, go to rcfp.org/litigation. Cases brought in 2014 included:

MAY:

15: *The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, et al. v. Missouri Department of Corrections*. The Reporters Committee, the ACLU of Missouri and Christopher McDaniel, a St. Louis Public Radio reporter now with BuzzFeed, filed a complaint against the Missouri Department of Corrections for withholding public records regarding the pharmacies and laboratories that supply it with execution drugs. On July 15, 2015, the trial court entered summary judgment in favor of the Reporters Committee, finding that the DOC had knowingly violated Missouri's Sunshine Law.

SEPTEMBER:

09: *O'Keefe, et al. v. Schmitz, et al.* The Reporters Committee and a coalition of transparency organizations moved to intervene to unseal court documents concerning a secret investigation into alleged illegal coordination between conservative political organizations and the campaign of Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.

NOVEMBER:

18: *In re Carlson, et al.* A Reporters Committee-led coalition filed a petition to unseal grand jury transcripts from a 1942 Espionage Act investigation of the Chicago Tribune arising from its publication of classified information about the Battle of Midway. The district court granted that petition on June 11, 2015, ordering that the transcripts be made public.

DECEMBER:

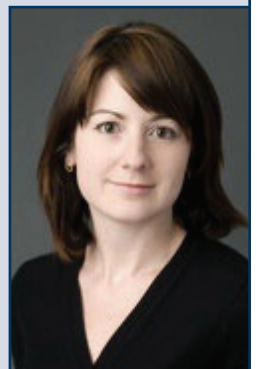
09: *The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, et al. v. The Regents of the University of California*. The Reporters Committee and former reporter and journalism professor Stephen Bloom filed suit against the University of California for violating California's Public Records Act by refusing to permit access to historical government records held at the University's Bancroft library.

22: *Branstetter, et al. v. Fallin, et al.* Reporters Committee attorneys filed suit on behalf of Tulsa World and reporter Ziva Branstetter against the governor of Oklahoma and the Department of Public Safety for violating Oklahoma's Open Records Act by withholding access to records relating to a botched execution. The lawsuit has already resulted in the release of records that revealed new details about the manner in which that execution was carried out.

First Litigation Director

SEPTEMBER: Katie Townsend joined the Reporters Committee as its first litigation director. Townsend oversees freedom of information activities as well as a full range of media law issues with a focus on handling litigation brought by the Reporters Committee.

Townsend previously was a litigation associate in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.



Briefs and Comments

JANUARY:

21: *Kennedy v. Orszag*. The Reporters Committee and a media coalition successfully intervened to unseal records in a child-support modification case in D.C. Superior Court.

MARCH:

10: *Riley v. Calif.; U.S. v. Wurie*. The Reporters Committee joined an amicus brief in two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court examining warrantless searches of the cell phones of arrested suspects.



14: *Illinois v. McKee (Hosey subpoena)*. In this amicus brief, joined by 38 media organizations, the Reporters Committee argued that the Illinois reporter's privilege should protect a Patch.com reporter from having to reveal his source in court.

17: *Martin v. Hearst*. In the case of a woman who sued a newspaper to have news reports of her later-expunged arrest removed from its archives, the Reporters Committee, in a brief written by the UCLA School of Law First Amendment Amicus Brief Clinic, argued that libel law does not require publications to update information that was accurate when reported.

18: *Ex Parte Ronald Thompson*. The Reporters Committee, in a brief written by the UCLA School of Law First Amendment Amicus Brief Clinic, argued that a Texas law barring photography of someone without consent with the intent to arouse sexual desire is an unconstitutional speech restriction.

27: *Flynt v. Lombardi*. The Reporters Committee and 13 media organizations filed a brief to intervene for the purpose of unsealing court records in a case brought by Missouri death-row prisoners seeking information about execution drugs.

APRIL:

02: *Abbas v. Foreign Policy Group LLC*. The Reporters Committee joined a media coalition urging the D.C. Circuit Court to dismiss a defamation claim in federal court under D.C.'s anti-SLAPP law.

09: *In re: National Security Letter*. Joined by 18 media organizations, the Reporters Committee filed a brief supporting EFF's challenge to National Security Letters, arguing that the statute is a classic prior restraint on free speech.

11: *Garcia v. Google*. The Reporters Committee joined a media coalition supporting Google's challenge to a court order that it remove a YouTube video based on an actress' copyright claim to her appearance and that Google keep the order secret.



22: *Mann v. National Review II*. The Reporters Committee and 28 news organizations urged the D.C. Court of Appeals to hear an immediate appeal of a lower court's denial of a special motion to dismiss under D.C.'s anti-SLAPP statute.

28: *Animal Legal Defense Fund v. Otter*. The Reporters Committee and 15 news organizations filed a brief arguing the unconstitutionality of Idaho's "ag-gag" law as a restriction on free speech.

MAY:

01: *O'Keefe v. Schmitz*. The Reporters Committee and four media organizations asked a Wisconsin federal court to unseal records in a civil suit that alleged the state misused an investigatory tool to retaliate against perceived political adversaries.

01: *Scholz v. Boston Herald*. The Reporters Committee and 25 media organizations filed a brief in support of the Boston Herald in a libel suit filed by a founder of the band Boston over articles about the suicide of a fellow band member.



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Read More: Reporters Committee briefs, comments, letters and other media law filings are available online at rcfp.org/browse-media-law-resources/briefs-comments.

MAY (cont'd):

02: O'Bannon v. NCAA. The Reporters Committee joined an amicus brief arguing that giving student athletes the right to publicity in broadcasts of games would interfere with the media's ability to air matters of public interest.

06: Prison Legal News v. Federal Bureau of Prisons. A Reporters Committee brief argued that the Federal Bureau of Prisons was wrong to cite privacy exemptions in redacting a FOIA response to Prison Legal News seeking information about prisoners' claims against the BOP.

07: Adelson v. Harris. The Reporters Committee joined a brief opposing an appeal by casino owner Sheldon Adelson in his libel suit against the National Jewish Democratic Council, which had been dismissed under Nevada's anti-SLAPP law.

08: A.L. v. L.A. County Dep't of Children and Family Services. The Reporters Committee joined a letter by California news organizations urging the state Supreme Court to review a decision that limits public access to juvenile dependency proceedings.

08: Letter to U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The Reporters Committee argued that access to documents in the 15-year-old case of Felix Sater, who received a plea deal on charges of financial crimes in exchange for cooperating with government officials, is important to the press's ability to monitor government relationships with informants.

12: Cause of Action v. Federal Trade Commission. The Reporters Committee and eight media groups argued in the D.C. Circuit Court that a federal agency's definition of news media for FOIA waivers is too narrow. Litigation Director Katie Townsend later participated in oral argument.



15: Reporters Committee et al. v. Missouri Department of Corrections. The Reporters Committee, the ACLU of Missouri, and Christopher McDaniel, a reporter for St. Louis Public Radio, filed a lawsuit under Missouri's freedom of information law challenging the state's denials of requests for information related to lethal injection drugs.

22: Letter on SCOTUSblog credentials. The Reporters Committee wrote a letter on behalf of itself and 14 news organizations to the Standing Committee of Correspondents supporting the credentialing of SCOTUSblog to the U.S. Senate Press Gallery.

28: Letter to Cherokee leaders about proposed FOIA changes. The Reporters Committee urged leaders of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council to limit any extension of FOIA response time and, if necessary, to place FOIA processing in an independent office.

JUNE:

20: Berger v. New York City Dep't of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Reporters Committee argued that public health issues outweighed privacy concerns in support of an effort by The Jewish Daily Forward to get city health records regarding mohels who have transmitted herpes to babies during a certain circumcision ritual.

10: Hassan v. The City of New York. The Reporters Committee and North Jersey Media Group Inc. argued that a federal court in N.J. erred in dismissing a civil rights suit by ruling that the harm to local Muslims was caused not by the government's surveillance, which was secret, but by the media's reporting on the surveillance.

21: North Jersey Media Group v. Bergen County Prosecutor's Office. The Reporters Committee and 25 news organizations argued that state prosecutors should not be allowed to issue a "Glomar" response to a records request, in which they neither confirm nor deny whether they have relevant material.

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Briefs and Comments (*cont'd*)

JULY:

30: *Yelp v. Hadeed Carpet Cleaning*. The Reporters Committee and 16 others argued to the Virginia Supreme Court that the identities of anonymous reviewers online must be protected.

31: *Jewel v. NSA*. The Reporters Committee and 18 media organizations argued that widespread government surveillance of phone customers' communications has a corrosive effect on journalists' ability to report on matters of public interest.

AUGUST:

11: *Competitive Enterprise Institute and National Review v. Mann*. The Reporters Committee and 26 others argued to the D.C. Court of Appeals that denials of anti-SLAPP motions must be immediately appealable and that the statements in this case were protected opinion and fair comment.

15: *Comment on Eastern District of Louisiana proposal to restrict juror interviews*. The Reporters Committee, the Louisiana Press Association, and Gannett Co., Inc. and its six Louisiana outlets filed a public comment in opposition to proposed changes by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana banning jurors from discussing their deliberations.

15: *Media coalition protest letter regarding police detention of journalists in Ferguson, Missouri, and public access to information*. The Reporters Committee led a coalition of 48 media organizations in protesting the treatment of journalists and withholding of information during riots in Ferguson, Mo.

22: *Elonis v. United States*. The Reporters Committee argued to the U.S. Supreme Court that a communication should be judged as an unprotected "true threat" based on the speaker's subjective intent to threaten, not on whether the statements could be taken as threats by an objective or reasonable listener.



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28: *Comments to Food and Nutrition Services on release of SNAP data*. The Reporters Committee urged FNS to recognize that information regarding food stamp redemption is public and should not be exempt from FOIA.

29: *Comments to the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board*. The Reporters Committee led a coalition of 24 media organizations in urging PCLOB to investigate the extent to which journalists are included within the scope of any national security surveillance programs.

SEPTEMBER:

09: *Smith v. Obama*. The Reporters Committee and 17 news organizations urged the Ninth Circuit to consider the negative effect of mass collection of telephone records on the ability of the press to gather and disseminate news of public importance.

24: *Anderson v. Hagel*. The Reporters Committee argued that the District Court should not have dismissed the claim of a freelance journalist who maintained he lost his "embed" status with the military in Afghanistan in retaliation for his coverage.

11: *Fredericks v. The Superior Court of San Diego County/City of San Diego et al*. The Reporters Committee filed an amicus brief on behalf of a coalition of media and transparency organizations in the California Court of Appeal to support public access to law enforcement records.

17: *Washington Travel Clinic v. Kandrak*. In this anti-SLAPP case, the Reporters Committee argued that a special motion to dismiss under the D.C. statute must be immediately appealable to allow journalists and others to quickly dispose of meritless lawsuits designed to chill speech.

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SEPTEMBER (cont'd):



Consumer Financial
Protection Bureau

22: *Comments to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.*

The Reporters Committee was joined by a media coalition on its comments calling on CFPB to publish all consumer complaint narratives, not just those posted on an opt-in basis.

22: *Letter to Dept. of Justice on Ferguson investigations.* The Reporters Committee sent a letter on behalf of 44 news organizations to the Department of Justice urging officials to include police interactions with the press in the investigation of the unrest surrounding the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., in August.

24: *Neumann v. Liles.* The Reporters Committee urged the Oregon Supreme Court to review lower court decisions that held some statements from an online review were actionable in a libel lawsuit, noting that confusion over what can be stated in an online review could hamper public debate.

OCTOBER:

24: *United States v. Mohammed Hamzah Khan.* The Reporters Committee wrote a letter expressing concern over closing the detention hearing of an alleged terrorism supporter, arguing that absent findings that closing is essential and narrowly tailored, the First Amendment right of access to proceedings in criminal cases cannot be overcome.

NOVEMBER:

03: *People v. Raef.* The Reporters Committee and seven others argued that a California anti-paparazzi law could be used to harass journalists by imposing penalties for reckless driving while newsgathering.

03: *Comments on Department of Defense proposed FOIA rule.* The Reporters Committee, joined by a national coalition of media organizations, filed comments on proposed Department of Defense Freedom of Information Act regulations.

06: *Letter to DOJ, FBI regarding Seattle FBI media impersonation.* The Reporters Committee led a media coalition in a letter to the Attorney General and the Director of the FBI protesting a Seattle FBI effort to use a fake Associated Press news article and website to ensnare a criminal suspect.

07: *Courthouse News Service v. Planet.* The Reporters Committee and 25 media organizations argued in support of a lawsuit against a California state superior court for delaying access to newly filed civil complaints, noting that the First Amendment right of access applies when civil complaints are filed.

17: *United States v. Davis.* The Reporters Committee argued that warrantless acquisition of cell phone location data raises Fourth and First Amendment questions, as it threatens to reveal journalists' confidential sources and methods.

20: *FOIA Appeal Regarding D.C. Police Body Cameras.* The Reporters Committee appealed a FOIA denial by the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department for access to police body camera video.

DECEMBER:

02: *In re Emma F.* The Reporters Committee and 48 media companies argued that a Connecticut court violated the First and Fourteenth Amendments by barring publication of information from a custody dispute in the juvenile division that was lawfully obtained by the news media from court documents posted on the court's public website.

04: *Animal Legal Defense Fund v. Wasden.* The Reporters Committee argued that Idaho's "ag-gag" law infringes on the rights of those who want to inform the public about important matters such as food safety, and it is not narrowly tailored.

05: *Davis v. Cox.* The Reporters Committee argued that Washington state's anti-SLAPP law is constitutional and protects speech that would be chilled by frivolous lawsuits.



Financial Report 2014*

Functional Expenses, Cash Basis

Legal Defense and Research	\$807,018	56.98%
Fundraising (<i>includes expenses for First Amendment Awards dinner</i>)	350,827	24.78
Management and General	258,271	18.24
Total	\$1,416,116	100%

Revenue

Special Events	\$736,194	40.87%
Contributions and Grants	603,761	33.52
Interest, Dividends and Capital Gains	252,326	14.01
Program Services	170,730	9.47
In-kind Contributions	23,979	1.33
Publications and Subscriptions	2,957	0.17
Other	11,361	0.63
Total	\$1,801,308	100%

Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances, Cash Basis

Assets	
Current Assets:	\$91,310
Cash	
Investments:	
Certificates of Deposit	600,195
Government Bond Obligations	649,418
Corporate Bond Obligations	1,348,339
Corporate Stocks	2,562,846
Money Market funds	816,670
Total Investments	5,977,468
Total Current Assets	6,068,778
Other Assets:	
Security Deposits	35,291
Total Assets	\$6,104,069

Fund Balances	
Unrestricted Fund Balances	\$1,243,539
Restricted Fund Balances	4,860,530
Total Fund Balances	\$6,104,069

**For the year ended Dec. 31, 2014*

About the Reporters Committee

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press was created by leading journalists and media lawyers in 1970, at a time when the nation's news media faced a wave of government subpoenas asking reporters to name confidential sources.

Today it provides pro bono legal advocacy, resources and support to protect First Amendment freedoms and the newsgathering rights of news organizations and journalists, including:

- **Drafting, coordinating and filing amicus briefs and litigation** in courts around the country, often in conjunction with major news and transparency organizations.
- **Writing statements of support and organizing the opposition** when newsgathering rights and the freedom to publish are under attack.
- **Participating in legislative and public affairs outreach** on reporter's privilege, the Freedom of Information Act and other issues important to journalists and the First Amendment.
- **Developing new tools for journalists**, such as mobile apps and the iFOIA electronic Freedom of Information Act request and tracking system (*see below*).
- **Providing on-the-spot legal assistance** to reporters and producing comprehensive publications and media law resources, all of which are available online at no charge.
- **Offering a variety of fellowships and internships** for the next generation of free press lawyers and reporters.
- **Assisting journalists** on media law stories.

Funded by corporate, foundation and individual contributions, the Reporters Committee serves the nation's leading news organizations; thousands of reporters, editors and media lawyers who call for help; and many more who use our online and mobile resources.

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The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press produces myriad First Amendment and freedom of information resources, all of which are available free online via rcfp.org.

Included among them are the popular **iFOIA** system for filing and tracking federal and state Freedom of Information Act requests online. To learn more or to start using iFOIA, go to ifoia.org.



The Reporters Committee also developed a series of **mobile apps** that give journalists on-the-spot information about open government laws and recording rights in their state and on specific reporting beats. Information about the apps is online at rcfp.org/app.

In addition, with such mainstays as the federal and state **Open Government Guides**, **media law guidebooks**, and **news and analysis** on the website and in the quarterly ePub *The News Media & The Law*, materials and personal help from Reporters Committee attorneys help journalists report the news without interference.

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