

Charles S. LiMandri

Founder, President and Chief Counsel
Freedom of Conscience Defense Fund (FCDF)



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For more than 30 years, Mr. LiMandri has passionately practiced law and successfully represented clients in business litigation, product liability, medical malpractice, insurance, construction, real estate, environmental, maritime and personal injury cases through his private law firm. Since 1983, he has handled numerous high-profile civil law and pro-bono religious liberty cases including defending the Mt. Soledad Cross, San Diego Firefighters, Priests for Life, JONAH and many other organizations in state and federal courts, as well as before the United States Supreme Court.

Currently, Mr. LiMandri is defending David Daleiden, Founder of the Center for Medical Progress, who is being investigated for his Human Capital Project, which used undercover video to expose the abortion industry's buying and selling of aborted baby body parts.

Mr. LiMandri is double Board Certified in Pre-Trial Litigation and Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and has owned and operated his private law firm for 27 years. He is also a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and is admitted to practice law in California, New York, Washington, D.C. and before the United States Supreme Court. An accomplished trial advocate with a national reputation, Mr. LiMandri founded the non-profit Freedom of Conscience Defense Fund (FCDF) in September 2012, to help allow others to support the mounting escalation and intensity of religious freedom cases. He currently leads a team of attorneys that handle religious liberty and other culture war cases involving pro-life, marriage and traditional family values.

Charles LiMandri received his law degree from Georgetown University Law School in 1983 and a diploma in International Law and Relations from the University College of Wales at Aberystwyth as a Rotary International Graduate Fellow in 1980. He is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Circle (for obtaining verdicts and settlements in excess of a million dollars) and holds the highest (A.V.) rating for legal skills and ethics (by fellow attorneys and judges) in the Martindale-Hubbell national directory of attorneys. He also is listed in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers and Super Lawyers.

In addition to his many community service activities and professional affiliations, in 2012 LiMandri successfully co-chaired a capital campaign with San Diego Charger Quarterback Philip Rivers to bring Catholic Radio to San Diego through Immaculate Heart Radio. He also hosted his own radio show "From the Front Line of the Culture War."

Mr. LiMandri is a frequent author and lecturer who has appeared and been published locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. He has also been a featured guest speaker on radio and television including the Fox News Network. He is a member of the Board of Editors of the California Tort Reporter and the California Insurance Law and Regulation Reporter, both of which are published by West Group.

He and his wife Barbara have been married 23 years and have five children. They reside in north San Diego County.



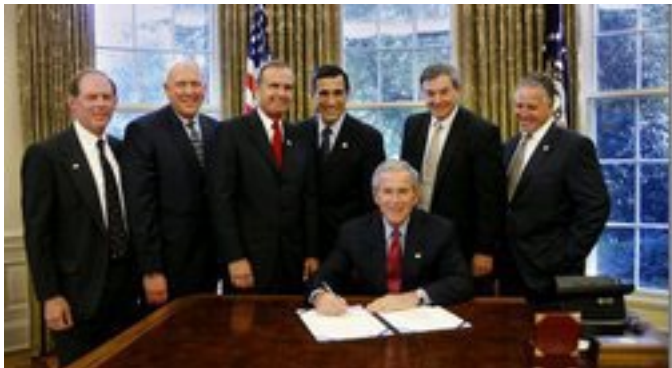
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Honors and Awards

- Member, Million Dollar Advocates Circle
- Included on the 2014 list of “Super Lawyers”
- “San Diego’s Top 120 Most Influential People” by the San Diego Transcript
- San Diego Magazine’s Top Lawyers in San Diego for 2013 for possessing the “Highest in Ethical Standards and Professional Excellence”
- Highest (A.V.) Rating for Legal Skills and Ethics by Fellow Attorneys and Judges in the Martindale-Hubbell National Directory of Attorneys
- Who’s Who in American Law
- Who’s Who in the World
- PFOX Freedom Award, 2015
- Recipient, Our Lady of the Rosary Award, 2011
- Recipient, Alliance Defense Fund Award, 2009
- Recipient, Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center Award, 2009
- Recipient, American Legion Award, 2007
- Recipient, Prestigious Legatus “Ambassador of the Year” Award, 2005
- Recipient, Ronald Reagan Gold Medal, Republican National Party, 2004 – 2005
- Recipient, USD’s Outstanding Alumni Service Award, 1997



Speaking Topics

- Trial Advocacy
- Evidence
- Legal Ethics
- Religious Liberty
- Same-Sex Marriage
- Pro-Life Issues
- Issues impacting attorneys, judges, churches & civic organizations

Professional Associations and Memberships

- Culture of Life Family Services, Founding Member of the Board of Directors and current member of the Advisory Board
- Religious Liberty Committee of the California Conference of Catholic Bishops, Former Member
- Legatus International Board of Governors, Former Member
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- National Board of Trial Advocacy
- Congress of Fellows of the Center for International Legal Studies
- American Bar Association
- State Bar of California
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- National Italian-American Bar Association
- San Diego Trial Lawyers Association
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
- Rancho Santa Fe Rotary Club, Past President, 1999 – 2000
- Thomas More Society of San Diego, Past President, 2001
- University of San Diego’s National Alumni Association, Past President
- San Diego Chapter of Legatus, Past President
- Center for Thomas More Studies, Former Member of the Board of Directors
- California Tort Reporter, Board of Editors
- California Insurance Law and Regulation Reporter, Member, Board of Editors
- St. Joseph Academy, Former Member of the Board of Directors

