**PRIVACY AND SECURITY POLICY**

This Privacy Policy applies to all information that could be received by the Patriot's Legal Defense Fund, both online and offline, in any format, including electronic, paper, and verbal.

**Security**
The servers that house the Patriot's Legal Defense Fund websites, social media accounts, and on-line activities are maintained in a manner that effectively safeguards the information in our databases. Comprehensive security features ensure the safety of sensitive data related to all donor transactions. Software is validated to meet PCI requirements. We also provide SSL certificates for additional security.

**Personal Information**

Your name and contact information will not be sold, rented, or shared without your permission.

Normally you do not need to provide any information about yourself in order to access and read PLDF's website and/or social media posts.

If you choose to provide any personal information, such as your mailing address or phone number, we may use that information to contact you. At any time you can choose to adjust the use of your information by sending us this contact form.

We use third party systems to host and display our website information to viewers.  We do not use cookies for our portions of our website, but the host company that stores and displays our website information might use cookies that we are not involved with and do not use or have access to ourselves.

**Donation Information**

Donations are handled by separate credit card or debit card information, ACH (electronic check or bank to bank transactions).  These transactions are not processed on our website.  Our website "calls" a professional, dedicated processing company which handles the financial transactions.  As with most or all charitable or commercial websites, such a "call" or "API" function may be invisible to the user.  That is you might not notice that our website has jumped to the professional financial website.

In other words, PLDF's systems and website do not receive, process, or store any of your financial information, donation activity, or donation history.  PLDF does not record or maintain any information about your donations.  We do not know any of your financial information or donation activity, and we prefer not to have that information within our own records for simplicity and your confidence.

Donations sent to the bank's address as checks, money orders, cash (which can be of no more than $1,000 in total of all cash donations from the same source or related source), etc. are received and processed by the bank.  The Patriot's Legal Defense Fund, Inc. does not maintain or keep records of your financial transaction data, although the bank probably will.  Any such data will be protected under the bank's safeguards and banking regulations.

Because of current concerns and sensitivities, PLDF does not want to have within its records any details of individual donations, for your confidence and assurance.  Of course, PLDF will comply with all IRS laws and regulations to report the annual totals of all funds received and will file all forms reporting the annual totals such as on IRS Form 990.

If you send us an e-mail message or complete a web form containing personal information, we collect and store the personal information which you choose to provide, such as your mailing address, e-mail address and the content of any request for information or any comments you may have.

The purpose and extent of such information is only what is necessary to reply to you and communicate with you as you request.

**Confidential or Legal Information and Legal Advice**

PLDF recommends that you do not send any confidential information to PLDF by email or any contact form.

PLDF recommends that you do not send any information to PLDF about any legal case or legal involvement you may have by email or any contact form.

PLDF does not provide legal advice and cannot represent you as your lawyer, although PLDF may sometimes be able to introduce you to a lawyer or lawyers that you might want to talk to.  You may want to pay attention to which State a lawyer is licensed adn qualified in, because being licensed in one state is not the same as being licensed in your state.

PLDF takes the approach that it is always appropriate to advise someone that they should seek the formal, professional advice of an attorney.  But PLDF does not directly get involved in legal cases or giving legal advice or representing anyone in court.

PLDF allows defendants who are individuals or organizations to choose their own attorneys.  The purpose of the legal defense fund is enabling in nature, helping defendants to be able to choose and afford the attorney of their own preference.

It is possible that you might have information that would be helpful for attorneys representing defendants that we assist with paying legal bills.  That is not what we do and we make no promises about being involved in that way.  However, as a normal courtesy we will try to pass along any information or better yet find the contact information for you to contact attorneys or others directly without going through us.  However, we may pass along information purely to be polite and not as a part of our actual activities, responsibilities, or promises.

If you are not sure whether you should provide information please call us first and we will try to determine if you should refrain from going further.  In most cases we will try to find the right attorney for you to contact directly rather than disclosing information to PLDF.

**Computer Tracking and Cookies**

Our Web sites are not set up to track, collect or distribute personal information not entered by visitors. Our site logs do generate certain kinds of non-identifying site usage data, such as the number of hits and visits to our sites. This information is used for internal purposes by technical support staff to provide better services to the public and may also be provided to others, but again, the statistics contain no personal information and cannot be used to gather such information.

A cookie is a small amount of data that is sent to your browser from a Web server and stored on your computer’s hard drive. Life Legal uses non-identifying cookies to provide easier site navigation and access to forms. You can still use Life Legal’s site if your browser is set to reject cookies. Our cookies do not generate personal data, do not read personal data from your machine and are never tied to anything that could be used to identify you.

**Required Disclosure of Information**

Though we make every effort to preserve user privacy, we may need to disclose personal information when we have a good-faith belief that such action is necessary to comply with a current judicial proceeding, a court order or legal process.

For this reason, we attempt not to collect or record information that is unnecessary to our work.

How to Contact Us

If you have questions about this Privacy Policy, please contact the Patriot's Legal Defense Fund via:

email at Exec.Dir@PatriotsLegalDefense.org with “PRIVACY POLICY” in the subject line.

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