WHAT IS YOUR LEGACY?
The Four Pillars Society is a way for the Institute for Justice to honor friends and supporters who make IJ the beneficiary of a gift in their long-term financial plans. In doing so, these supporters demonstrate their commitment to the fight for individual liberty and their confidence in IJ’s ability to see it through for generations to come.

Since its inception, membership in the Society has grown exponentially—from 17 members in 2006 to more than 400 today—as more and more IJ donors make a planned gift commitment to our fight. Today, we invite you to join them.

Many different kinds of gifts qualify an individual for membership in the Four Pillars Society, from simple bequests to IJ through a will or living trust, to gifts of retirement plans or other accounts, to “life income plans” such as charitable gift annuities. Information about the most popular planned gifts and how to make them is on page seven.

However you structure your planned gift, know that by choosing to join the Four Pillars Society you are ensuring that IJ has the resources necessary to advance economic liberty, private property rights, educational choice, and free speech well into the future. This financial support enables us to implement a long-term, strategic vision that secures crucial victories for individual liberty, in and out of court.

To thank them for their special role in our long-term success, members receive a small commemorative Four Pillars Society gift, special reports from IJ’s president and the Society’s director, and invitations to IJ’s Partners Retreat events, as well as exclusive Four Pillars Society events.

Joining the Four Pillars Society makes you an essential part of the nation’s leading legal organization dedicated solely to preserving the freedoms you cherish for future generations of Americans. Thank you for your consideration.
A Letter from IJ’s President

Liberty is never secure. As Thomas Jefferson presciently noted, “The natural progress of things is for government to gain ground and for liberty to yield.” Every generation must fight to protect and preserve our constitutional rights.

And so our work at the Institute for Justice is never fully complete. IJ’s mission requires our constant and tireless pursuit of justice for those whose full enjoyment of liberty is denied by government. We must summon every tool in our public interest arsenal as we defend and build upon our victories. And we must secure the resources necessary to continue our efforts for generations to come.

Inspired by the generosity of Bernard and Lisa Selz, IJ launched the Selz Legacy Challenge to ensure that individuals who stand up for their rights will not face the government alone, but will have the Institute for Justice by their side. Each battle we fight leaves our clients more free, and sets in motion a ripple effect that will protect countless others like them well into the future. The sum of these efforts is even greater: a legal landscape that is being transformed to favor liberty over government power.

That is IJ’s legacy. And it is the legacy of each and every member of our Four Pillars Society. If you have not already included IJ in your long-term plans, I hope you’ll make the enduring impact of the Institute for Justice a part of your legacy as well.

Bernard and Lisa Selz are longtime donors to the Institute for Justice. Bernard and Lisa have traveled extensively through democracies, theocracies, autocracies, and everything in between. They have a deep appreciation for liberty and constitutionally limited government. They also recognize that securing individual liberty is a long-term endeavor and believe that the Institute for Justice has an essential role to play in this fight.

Their challenge grant for planned gift commitments is to ensure IJ has a firm foundation of support for years to come.

Scott G. Bullock
President and General Counsel
I am proud to be a member of the Institute for Justice’s Four Pillars Society. While I raise my kids and grow my business and career, I can rest easy knowing IJ is fighting the good fight for the present and the future. IJ is a world-class organization with the foundation and infrastructure to continue the work to protect liberty for as long as it is needed. For what good is leaving my children an inheritance in a society that is not free?

Ned Momary, Manhattan Beach, CA

I am very sensitive to what IJ is trying to accomplish, which is to protect individuals and their property from the ominous power of the state. IJ is one great bastion for the protection of private property and the liberty of the individual. I can’t think of a more important cause to support to shape a better future for our country.

Katie Cleary Bencken, Austin, TX

The Institute for Justice has effectively, economically, and successfully fought on behalf of individual liberty on all fronts. But IJ wins not only in the courtroom. IJ has built strong and diverse coalitions around issues such as eminent domain, and aggressively and truthfully waged a public relations war on behalf of liberty. IJ has an impressive track record that merits the support of those who believe in individual liberty. I am proud to support IJ as a member of the Four Pillars Society.

Brian Schar, Menlo Park, CA

Additional and extended Share Your Legacy testimonials are featured at IJ.org/Share-Your-Legacy
Chris and Lydia Ash, Menlo Park, CA

We are so proud to support IJ. The work IJ is doing, the carefully selected cases, and the PR you continue to generate is impressive. It’s a well-run organization with significant impact. Thank you all for continuing to defend individual rights and freedoms.

Don Hauptman, New York, NY

A friend recently made this observation to me: Think tanks and academic groups do important work, but only IJ is in the trenches every day—fighting government abuses, winning battles for liberty, and making a difference in the lives of individuals. This was a “eureka!” moment, instantly motivating me to revise my will and make IJ a major beneficiary. And it’s why, of all the many worthwhile freedom-movement groups, I decided that IJ was most deserving of my legacy support.

Larry DeYoung, Devon, PA

My grandparents came to the U.S. from Europe seeking political and economic freedom, and they took great risks to do so. During my lifetime, we have seen significant inroads made into our freedoms by governments at all levels. IJ stands against those inroads, and I stand with IJ.

Michael Wahl, Wilmington, DE

The Institute for Justice takes the timeless theme of good versus evil and transforms it into real life, representing poor and defenseless citizens who are simply trying to live their lives freely and peacefully but are nonetheless abused by officious and obnoxious government bureaucrats, with unlimited budgets and laws on their side. Of course, just like in the movies, most people root for the underdog, but it’s only in the movies that the underdog usually wins, right? Wrong. Miraculously, with the help of IJ and their tireless team of litigating freedom fighters, I enjoy “watching a movie” that almost always has a happy ending. Thank you, IJ, for fighting so hard for freedom and making such wonderful “movies” that are helping to change the world for the better.

G. Gregory Bauer, Oakland, CA

IJ was the only organization I found dedicated and qualified to use the law to protect individual freedom. I have never been disappointed in my decision to support IJ. They win cases in court that have tangible effects.
Four Pillars

Chip Mellor built a law firm,
And made of it a pillar,
A battleship of justice with
Scott Bullock at the tiller.

IJ is like good sausage:
Much meat, and little filler.
Fighting asset forfeiture
Is what we call “a pillar.”

Opponents that we face have gone
From “shrill” to “even-shriller.”
No choice of schools, more licensing
Are THEIR idea of “pillars.”

Last, not least, free speech is IJ’s
Fourth and final pillar.
If IJ were a cellphone app,
You’d have to say it’s “killer.”

Karen Sampson, Parker, CO

“As an Institute for Justice client, I say what every other client says: ‘I’m pursuing these actions through the Institute for Justice because I don’t want what happened to me to happen to anyone else.’ Any support I can give to IJ is an investment in preserving liberties for all.”

Karen Sampson was an IJ client, a Four Pillars Society member, and a longtime friend of liberty who passed away in August 2017. She was lead plaintiff in IJ’s successful 2006 challenge to Colorado’s abusive campaign finance regulations, which she joined after she found herself threatened with fines and jail time just for speaking about the possible annexation of her tiny subdivision into a neighboring town. She and her neighbors prevailed, and Karen supported IJ and other free speech clients across the nation throughout her life.
Everyone wants to carry on a legacy, and I cannot think of a more deserving organization than the Institute for Justice as a beneficiary, because not only do I want my descendants to live in a free country, I want them to know how important liberty is to me. When I am gone, I will not be finished—the money I leave the Institute for Justice through my will and trust will carry on for generations, whether it be through education opportunities for children, economic opportunities for U.S. citizens, ensuring free speech that otherwise would be silenced, and protection for property owners who face illegal takings from our government.

**Charles Solley**, Atlanta, GA

IJ is one of the few organizations making a real difference in protecting individual liberty.

**Ann Loudermilk and William Jakielaszek**, Weymouth, MA

You deliver. Best bang for our buck. You are successful in legally fighting for our rights as U.S. citizens. No one else does it better.

**Gerson Kaplan**, Columbia, MD

For far too long the little guy has been disadvantaged by people in power who use their influence to privilege themselves via rent-seeking. This results in the limitation of the economic freedom and civil rights of those who wish to compete in the marketplaces of ideas and business. I see IJ as the main, and by far the most successful, of the defenders of these folks. I fully support IJ’s efforts and want to see it continuing its mission and building on its past success.

**Michael Gardner**, Albuquerque, NM

When I read the inspirational stories of how IJ battles (and wins over) the government and bureaucratic overreach, it makes me proud to support this organization. I feel I am a part of this success.
Most Popular Ways to Make a Planned Gift to IJ

Option 1: Include IJ in Your Will or Living Trust

You can make IJ the beneficiary of part or all of your estate by including language like the following in your will or living trust:

I give and devise to the Institute for Justice (Tax ID #52-1744337), located in Arlington, VA, the sum of $_______ (or all or a percentage of the residue of my estate) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific pillar).

This bequest can be modified at any time, and can be made contingent on the passing of your spouse or another loved one.

Option 2: Make IJ the Beneficiary of Your Retirement Account

Naming IJ as a partial or whole beneficiary of your IRA, your 401(k), or other retirement or savings accounts is a great way to secure IJ’s future. Tax-deferred accounts can also be subject to heavy taxation when left to individuals—but as a charitable gift the full amount goes to IJ and our fight for liberty.

To make one of these gifts, simply ask your plan administrator for a beneficiary designation form and name IJ as a beneficiary: Institute for Justice (Tax ID #52-1744337), located at 901 North Glebe Road, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22203.

A beneficiary designation gift does not require meeting with an attorney and can be revoked or modified at any time.

Remembering IJ in any of these ways entitles you to membership in the Four Pillars Society, a special group of friends and supporters who have made a commitment to defending and preserving liberty through their estate plans.

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The Selz Legacy Challenge: A Report to Investors

Last fall the Institute for Justice celebrated 25 years of litigating for liberty, and launched a new campaign to secure our future for the next 25 years and beyond—the Bernard and Lisa Selz Legacy Challenge. Inspired by a generous $2 million challenge grant from longtime IJ donors Bernard and Lisa Selz, we set a goal of earning $50 million in planned gifts pledges by January 2019.

The excitement the Challenge generated was overwhelming: in just three months, we secured over $47 million in pledged gifts. Making each pledged gift go even further, Bernard and Lisa Selz contributed matching funds of more than $1 million dollars to the Institute for Justice. We doubled our efforts in response and set a new, even more ambitious goal of $100 million. And we still have more than $350,000 in matching funds to earn!

Please join us and make the enduring impact of the Institute for Justice part of your legacy by making a provision for IJ in your will or other estate plans. The previous page lists the easiest and most common ways to include IJ in your planning.

Then simply complete and return the enclosed Selz Legacy Challenge Matching Form and you will generate a current cash donation from Bernard and Lisa Selz worth 10 percent of the pledged gift’s value—up to $25,000. You can find more details about the Challenge on the attached insert.

By participating in the Selz Legacy Challenge, you will play a vital role in IJ’s fight today and set the stage for our success for generations to come.
As a “libertarian Christian,” I view IJ as eminently worthy of my long-term support because in their defense of individual liberty and in their attempts to re-establish a constitutional basis for economic freedom, they are doing more to embrace the Christian ethic of caring for “the least among us.”

Mel Sanderson, Alachua, FL

IJ actively brings about real change by seeking legal precedent that will have consequences far into the future.

Ruth Baker, Boyertown, PA

If anyone across the range of our political spectrum placed himself firmly in the shoes of one of IJ’s clients, how could he honestly ever oppose IJ’s mission—defending someone’s right to earn a lawful living free of unwarranted interference, or to extricate a child from an inadequate school, or to engage in grassroots political or commercial free speech, or to defend an unblighted home or business assets from being confiscated without just cause? IJ shows commendable enthusiasm and dedication to winning such victories for its clients, which victories advance freedom for our citizenry as a whole.

Rick Hower, Reston, VA
IJ is one of the most incredible organizations I know in terms of preserving the constitutional rights of our citizens. IJ has given muscle to little people with limited resources to fight government abuses.

IJ is one of the few organizations succeeding in rolling back government overreach in real people’s lives. IJ’s work is much needed, both today and in the future. The government is supposed to protect property rights, not permit the politically connected to abuse them. And opportunities to obtain quality education are essential if the less fortunate are to escape poverty. We are very happy with the work that IJ is doing and spread the word to friends and family.

As I look at the pictures of Pleasant Ridge [a neighborhood in Charlestown] today, the houses look much nicer than when I lived there during WWII. Even as a kid, it seemed obvious that the most important thing about where you live is to have good neighbors. I thank the Institute for Justice for helping to save this neighborhood.

Without dedicated citizens working for justice, many are left with pain, stress, constant defeat, suffering, and a loss of hope. I know my support of IJ, both financially and through public praise and recognition, assures this dedicated group will always be fighting for the rights of those without the resources to fight for themselves. Against overreaching governments and endless special interests, IJ continues to post win after win—especially in cases focused on economic liberty—for those who otherwise don’t have a fighting chance.
A Message from IJ’s Board of Directors

The Institute for Justice is so effective in securing and advancing individual freedom because we are mission-driven. The Institute’s Board of Directors plays a critical role in ensuring that IJ remains true to our mission and guides our efforts every step of the way.

Composed of 11 men and women who are committed to IJ’s fight for liberty and personally invested in our success, IJ’s Board reviews each and every potential case before voting to approve or decline it. Their expertise and oversight keeps IJ operating at the highest level in terms of management and finances. Many have joined the Four Pillars Society by including IJ in their long-term plans, and every member of IJ’s Board shares a determination to preserve the liberties we are so blessed to enjoy. They will continue to guide IJ’s progress toward this goal for many years to come.

“The Institute for Justice is fighting the good fight for liberty. They are playing the long game with an eye toward creating a freer society for all of us.”

Jim Lintott, IJ Board member since 1993

“The Institute for Justice is the most effective freedom-fighting organization I know of, which is why I support it financially and proudly serve on the Board. But why did my wife and I decide to participate in the Four Pillars Society, the impact of which we won’t be here to see? Our answer is best expressed in this famous quote from Ronald Reagan: ‘Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.’

Kenneth N. Levy, IJ Board member since 2011

“The IJ Board is one of the most rewarding boards I have ever served on. Board members investigate IJ’s activities thoughtfully, carefully, and collegially, and everyone is engaged and enthusiastic about what IJ is doing. Since it is a very longstanding Board, there is great institutional memory and a strong commitment to ensuring that IJ remains true to its mission and principles.”

Stephen Modzelewski, IJ Board member since 2000
Letter from the Board Chairman

On behalf of IJ’s Board of Directors, I would like to express our deep and profound gratitude to Bernard and Lisa Selz and to every friend of liberty who responds to the Selz Legacy Challenge and includes the Institute for Justice in his or her long-term plans.

The Four Pillars Society is the capstone component of our vision of an enduring institution for liberty. The lasting commitments made by members of the Society ensure IJ’s long-term impact and will make possible many more hard-fought victories. Furthermore, these resources will allow the Institute to hire and retain top-flight talent, and to take the calculated risks necessary for IJ to remain on the cutting-edge in pursuing our mission.

For 26 years, the Institute for Justice has worked to earn the trust and support of everyone who shares our abiding commitment to preserve the Constitution and its promise of freedom. The Board and I are confident that the management and the future of IJ are deserving of this trust.

We could not be more excited about the unique opportunity provided by Bernard and Lisa Selz. Through the Selz Legacy Challenge, the Institute for Justice will be the most dynamic force for liberty in America for decades to come. We are proud to invite you to be part of this remarkable legacy.

Chip Mellor
Chairman and Founding General Counsel

“I am deeply committed to securing freedom for the next generation. Thanks to the Institute for Justice, future generations will not face the same unjust laws and barriers to opportunity. That’s why my wife and I decided to include the Institute in our estate plans and become members of the Four Pillars Society. With our legacy gift to the Institute, we are helping to hold back the relentless growth of government.”

Robert A. Levy, IJ Board member since 1997

“IJ is defending individual liberty on a case-by-case basis in a strategic way that is forcing courts to face up to their constitutional responsibility to act as a bulwark against legislative and executive overreach. This battle can be won but only with the support of people who believe in the Founders’ dream of freedom guaranteed by a truly limited government.”

Bob Gelfond, IJ Board member since 2006
The Four Pillars Society

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