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The Alliance for Justice is a national coalition that promotes a fair and independent judiciary and strengthens public interest advocacy.

LETTER FROM ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE PRESIDENT

Alliance for Justice had one of its busiest and most exciting years in recent memory.

Our leadership in the national debate to preserve the filibuster helped to galvanize the progressive community to stand together and use the power of a unified voice. Far from being just another Senate rule, the filibuster is one of those essential checks that limit the power of the majority party in Congress.

Thanks to our creative, catchy ad campaign starring “Phil A. Buster,” the national media took notice and we reached influential members of Congress. More than one million Americans signed a petition urging Congress to safeguard the filibuster. The resulting “Gang of 14” agreement preserved meaningful checks and balances and left intact a vital tool that protects our democracy.

Alliance for Justice’s persistent efforts resulted in a victory in 2005 — saving the critically important filibuster.

We waged other high profile fights in 2005. Our experience with the nominations of John Roberts, Harriet Miers and Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court once again put us front and center in a national conversation about the

importance of the high court and the impact its decisions have on ordinary Americans.

Another important part of Alliance for Justice’s longstanding work is our Nonprofit Advocacy Program and



Foundation Advocacy Initiative. Nonprofit groups and foundations speak for many people in our society, and we work to ensure that their voices remain strong. Our workshops,

resource materials, and technical assistance empower nonprofits to amplify their efforts so their work has a greater impact.

I believe that as we look back on 2005, we’ll again be proud of our efforts to safeguard the real values that the American people cherish: fairness, accountability and justice for all.

Thank you for your hard work and support. I am grateful to every one of the thousands of people who, through volunteer activities or foundation and individual contributions, aided us in these efforts. I believe that Americans of the future will be grateful to you, too.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nan Aron".

Nan Aron, President

“Miracles do happen in Washington. They take hard work and commitment. Alliance for Justice is an example of a Washington miracle.”

Eleanor Clift, *Newsweek* contributing editor

“One vote. That’s all it would take to lose so many rights that we cherish: Civil rights, reproductive freedom, environmental protection, disability rights, consumer, worker, and patient protections... No one has worked longer and harder than Alliance for Justice to make sure that men and women who are appointed to lifetime positions in the judiciary are well qualified and will serve this nation.”

Senator Richard Durbin, D-Illinois

JUDICIAL SELECTION PROJECT



Speaking to reporters at the National Press Club, AFJ President Nan Aron announces group's opposition to Roberts' nomination to the Supreme Court.

“Alliance for Justice [is] a ferocious opponent of President Bush's Supreme Court nominees.”

The Wall Street Journal, September 9, 2006

Fighting for Fairness on our Federal Courts

The American people benefit from a judiciary that places fairness, integrity and independence over allegiance to ideology and wealthy special interests. The Judicial Selection Project monitors federal judicial nominations at all levels, and encourages public participation in the confirmation process. Alliance for Justice works to prevent those who would compromise our rights from receiving a lifetime appointment to the bench, and to ensure that the American people know what's at stake when such an appointment occurs. Alliance for Justice also works hard to ensure that nominees who have a demonstrated commitment to equal justice are confirmed.

Alliance for Justice (AFJ) has been working for a fair and independent judiciary for more than 20 years, focusing on both the Supreme Court and the lower courts.

In 1985, AFJ organized the Judicial Selection Project (JSP) to expose and combat the Reagan administration's plans to pack the federal judiciary with hard-line conservative jurists. JSP's goal is to ensure a bench of federal judges who are fair and independent, who understand that freedoms and protections are meaningless unless the courts are willing to uphold them, and who embrace our nation's progress on civil rights and social justice.

To achieve that end, we also work to raise public awareness about the role that the entire federal judiciary, including the lower federal courts, plays in the everyday lives of “ordinary” Americans.

The core of the Judicial Selection Project is the research conducted by AFJ legal staff. JSP produces in-depth, highly respected reports on nominations to the federal appellate courts and the U.S. Supreme Court. Armed with that research, AFJ seeks to influence judicial nominations in several ways: by directly informing senators who are responsible for confirming or rejecting judicial nominees; by educating the media,

Save Phil Campaign



Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) is joined by Alliance for Justice campaign characters Phil A. Buster, Checks and Balanz at a rally outside the U.S. Supreme Court.

Phil A. Buster Makes It Personal

The last line of defense against extremist judges taking a lifetime seat on the federal bench lay in a time-honored Senate tradition — the filibuster. In the spring of 2005, this protection was threatened.

How to frame this issue for the American people? Alliance for Justice Action Campaign developed a “Schoolhouse Rock” themed animated ad campaign featuring “Phil A. Buster” and his friends, “Checks” and “Balanz”.

“There are a few politicians who want to get rid of checks and balances by squashing little old me,” Phil told the public.

The “Save Phil” ad, based on AFJ's public opinion research, won a prestigious Telly award — one of the most sought after awards in television, film and video production for industry leaders — and led to a broader understanding of the purpose of a filibuster. While television placements gained national media attention, the online flash campaign went viral, attracting viewers and comments on public-affairs portal sites and being widely passed around by bloggers. In this way, a sometimes arcane Senate procedure drew national attention.

which largely shapes public perceptions about judicial nominees; and by expanding popular support for a fair judiciary through a network of lawyers, academics, law students and activists.

The July 2005 announcement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's retirement surprised the nation, and the death of Chief Justice William Rehnquist opened another seat on our nation's highest court.

Alliance for Justice played a leading role in galvanizing the progressive community to stand together in opposition to the nominations of John Roberts and Samuel Alito. AFJ's joint campaign achieved important results that will impact future vacancies on the high court:

- AFJ solidified its standing as one of the pre-eminent progressive voices on the issue of judicial nominations, and as a recognized source of consistently accurate, comprehensive information. Senate staff, the press and public interest organizations regularly relied on our research, and reporters frequently looked to Alliance for Justice for

insight and commentary. Our coalition partners counted on AFJ to help lead the progressive community's efforts.

- AFJ's persistent advocacy helped broaden the debate about our courts beyond a single issue, and encouraged the press and the public to focus on issues of executive power, federalism, civil rights, and worker protections. The more the public realizes the many ways our lives are affected every day by court decisions, the more engaged the American people will become.
- We cast a light on George W. Bush's record of judicial nominations, reminding the media and the public that he had nominated more members of the ultra-conservative Federalist Society than African, Hispanic or Asian Americans *combined*, and that not one of his 50 appellate court nominees had a public record of supporting a woman's reproductive rights.
- AFJ's leadership in creating Hispanics for a Fair Judiciary gave voice to Latino leaders who were seeking both information

“We will be prepared and positioned to determine which judicial nominees are truly aligned with the interests of the Hispanic community.”

Civil rights advocate Dolores Huerta

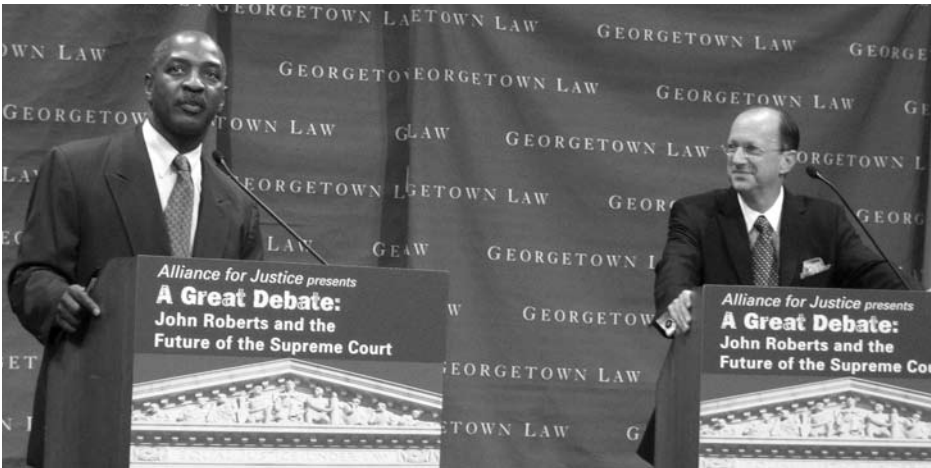
Law Professors Take Center Stage

Alliance for Justice released a letter of opposition to Judge Samuel Alito's nomination to the Supreme Court from hundreds of law professors around the country. A group of prestigious law professors, spanning from Texas to Pennsylvania and including the co-presidents of the Society of American Law Teachers, discussed the Alito nomination and his controversial rulings on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals with reporters at the National Press Club.



From left to right: Professor Peter Shane of Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law, Professor Reynaldo Valencia of St. Mary's University School of Law, Professor David Kairys of Temple University Beasley School of Law, Professor Holly Maguigan of New York University School of Law and Professor Roberto Juarez of St. Mary's University School of Law

JUDICIAL SELECTION PROJECT



Harvard Law School Professor Charles Ogletree debates Ronald Cass, former dean of Boston University School of Law, on Roberts' nomination and the future of the Supreme Court.

“It is imperative that we have an independent and impartial judicial branch. The work of Alliance for Justice, and their formation of Hispanics for a Fair Judiciary, is essential to achieving this goal by ensuring that the interests of the nation’s Hispanic community are considered during the selection and nominations process.”

Congressman Charles Gonzalez (D-TX)

and a forum for discussing the controversial nominations and the role of the courts.

- AFJ helped successfully frame the Alito nomination. By disseminating our research prior to the nomination and by enlisting surrogates to speak publicly immediately after the nomination, we influenced the debate early on. Many newspaper editorial boards opposed the Alito nomination. In the end, the progressive community was united in its opposition to Alito, and many moderates opposed him as well. This widespread opposition was reflected by 42 votes against confirmation. Massachusetts Senators Ted

Kennedy and John Kerry led an attempted filibuster against the Alito nomination that garnered 25 votes. “Judge Alito does not share the values of equality and justice that make this country strong,” Kennedy said in a statement. “We owe it to future generations of Americans to oppose this nomination.”

Telling the American People What Was at Stake

Throughout these nomination debates, Alliance for Justice advocated for our rights and freedoms.

We led the campaign to jointly sponsor television ads that made national news and were seen by influential members of Congress. Alliance for Justice’s rapid-response mass communication, including one-page fact sheets on issues and cutting-edge blogs and podcasts established the organization as an indispensable source for credible information on judicial nominations.

Bringing Critical Information to Nomination Hearings

To assist the Senate in its constitutional duty to provide advice and consent on judicial nomina-

Outreach

Hispanic Progressive Community Feels Its Power

Alliance for Justice in 2005 created Hispanics for a Fair Judiciary, a committee of 45 influential leaders within the Hispanic community. Hispanics for a Fair Judiciary works to ensure that the interests of the nation’s Hispanic community are considered during the debate over judicial nominations.

This network sprung into action immediately following the retirement announcement of Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, as Alliance for Justice supplied key leaders with Justice O’Connor’s opinions in a series of 5-4 Supreme Court decisions that affected the Hispanic community. Research by Alliance for Justice is an important tool that allows the Hispanic community to identify what is at stake, and to be involved in the judicial selection process.

More — and More Diverse — Groups Plunge into Advocacy

Along with public education and outreach at the grassroots level, Alliance for Justice worked with multiple constituencies in 2005 to ensure they would have the tools and information to combat extremist nominees. In July we organized a national two-day conference for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community with training on advocacy and federal court issues. Our student outreach generated more than 1,000 letters urging the Senate Republican leadership to back down from its threat to eliminate the filibuster.

tions, Alliance for Justice provided senators with timely, unbiased, well-researched information. Our briefings with key senators and staff informed our strategy and strengthened our allies on Capitol Hill.

Alliance for Justice also played a role in briefing senators and their staff on questions to be asked at nomination hearings. The Senate, the media and coalition partners alike trust the quality of Alliance for Justice's research. In reviewing Samuel Alito's record alone, staff read nearly 500 decisions.

Americans Say No to Extremists, Yes to Independence

Are Americans getting the justice — or the justices — they want? Not exactly, according to extensive public opinion polls Alliance for Justice sponsored in 2005.

Tapping American opinion on the filibuster, extremist nominations, and the consequences of the confirmations, we discovered that Americans overwhelmingly believe that the Senate should exercise independent judgment in the confirmation process, and not act as a rubber stamp for George W. Bush or any other president. And, Americans want judges who respect individual rights and liberties.

2005 proved that the opportunity to shape the Supreme Court can come up at any time. But even when we're not faced with Court vacancies, we have critical work to do. It now falls to us to ensure that ordinary Americans understand the impact that the federal courts have on our lives every day.

Technology

Tapping into the Future with Communications Technology

To stay abreast of rapid changes in the current political environment, Alliance for Justice employed new tools and technology to spread its message and reach new constituencies.

- AFJ expanded its outreach capacities to more than 53,000 total activists and supporters, including 1,640 law professors and 2,654 students. Our Nonprofit Action Network grew to more than 8,100 members, and we launched a new Access to Justice update that already has almost 6,000 subscribers.
- A 2005 podcast on the Supreme Court nominations became one of the top ten political podcasts on iTunes, with more than 100,000 downloads.
- The Care2.com portal site gathered thousands of e-signatures — including more than 10,000 for a petition urging the Senate to carefully scrutinize Supreme Court nominees.
- Our use of new technology resonated with the media and became a story in itself. A piece on National Public Radio highlighted our use of podcasts: *"The ways to lobby a Supreme Court nomination just keep multiplying... This time, along with the direct mail, the phone banks, the e-mails, the TV ads, the Alliance for Justice has a podcast."*

Watchdogs Utilize New Technology in Supreme Court Fights

To keep up with quickly changing news about judicial nominations, Alliance for Justice launched www.supremecourtwatch.org. This new website served as the online home of the Campaign to Protect the Supreme Court, offering the latest information about the nominations of John Roberts and Samuel Alito, background on the Court and nomination process, a weekly podcast and a daily blog.



Access to Justice: An American Right, a Coalition Value

Open access to the courts, not just for the wealthy but for everyone, is at the foundation of our justice system. This system is our strongest protection against unfettered government and corporate power. In 2005, Alliance for Justice continued its work to ensure that our justice system remains fair for all Americans.

While extreme federal judges can threaten the rights and protections of the public, they are not the only threat. The basic right to have grievances heard and cases decided by a judge or jury is also in jeopardy.

Preemption of State Protections

Keeping the Power with the People

Through its extensive research, Alliance for Justice identified issues that would have the strongest impact on citizens' access to justice. In 2005 a working group focused on one of these: pre-emption of state protections of our rights. Increasingly, Congress was pressured to pre-empt existing state laws with federal laws that offer far less protection to our rights, our safety, and our environment. Alliance for Justice worked to turn this tide and shore up the rights of individuals, communities and states.

In 2005 Alliance for Justice helped debunk some common myths about our civil justice system, and we began to forge a coalition that can protect and improve Americans' access to justice.

We focused public attention on the stories of Americans whose lives have been damaged by corporate negligence or wrongdoing. These stories underscored the importance of a system that gives every person a right to seek justice when they are harmed.

Americans Speak: Our Pain is Not 'Frivolous'

Exactly what is a "frivolous lawsuit"? In 2005, Alliance for Justice employed Peter D. Hart Research Associates to conduct a series of focus groups that took America's pulse on that question. Given a chance to speak out, Americans expressed values far different from what the conservative movement has alleged. While corporate interests deride substantial judgments for plaintiffs as "jackpot justice," ordinary Americans tended to believe that such outcomes were "justice well served."

Also in 2005, AFJ researched and prepared an in-depth report on the

function of the civil justice system in bringing to light the truth about dangerous consumer products. The report focused on the litigation brought by victims of dangerous silicone breast implants and how they used the civil justice system to peel away layers of corporate secrecy and outright dishonesty. The report reminded decision-makers about the vital role played by our justice system in protecting Americans from corporate misdeeds when government regulatory agencies fail to do the job.

In yet another report, *Health Courts Under the Microscope*, AFJ examined the concept of special "health courts," which have been promoted by supporters of "tort reform" as an alternative to the civil justice system in resolving claims of medical injury. This widely distributed report exposed the fact that health courts would limit public access to justice, while allowing government bureaucrats to set mandatory limits on medical injury claims.

“The legitimate goal of ensuring that consumers receive fair compensation for their losses when a corporation overcharges or sells a defective product was hijacked along the way...”

Commentary by AFJ President Nan Aron,
The Hill, February 15, 2006

New Voices, New Capacity at West Coast Office

By providing training for nonprofits and foundations, Alliance for Justice-West proved itself an exciting and helpful presence in California and throughout the West Coast region.

Launched in 2004, the West Coast office made major strides toward increasing the overall strength of Alliance for Justice. The number of workshops offered to nonprofits and foundations on the West Coast increased by more than 50 percent and is on track to do the same or better in 2006. Our West Coast office helps our allies save time and money as they broaden networks for progressive organizations nationwide.

Here are some highlights from this region:

- The pervasive use of ballot measures as a political technique in California and the state's unique campaign finance laws make our **state-specific training for nonprofits** absolutely essential.
- Reflecting the issues that grabbed the nation's attention in 2005, the West Coast office held **events on judicial selection**, including brown bag lunches at several California law schools and law firms to discuss the latest news and highlight larger issues.
- To help achieve a successful conclusion of the **Co/Motion anti-youth-violence project**, the West Coast office advocated for \$50,000 in funding to launch and keep after-school facilities and programs running through the summer and for two years to come.

- A **new e-mail distribution list** was created to serve as an educational resource for hundreds of nonprofit and foundation contacts in the region.

Alliance for Justice-West has also taken a **leadership role in a coalition** of California-based organizations concerned about the fairness and independence of the federal judiciary. The coalition includes, among many others, the Equal Justice Society, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, Public Advocates, NARAL-Pro Choice California, the Charles Houston Bar Association and the Greenlining Institute.

Co/Motion

Co/Motion Concludes, but Lessons Live On

In 2005, after ten years of empowering young people around the nation to have a voice in their communities and turn away from gun violence, the Co/Motion project came to a close.

Grassroots organizations that participated have now built the infrastructure to support long-term, sustainable youth programs, and young people have realized they can have a voice in public policy.

Over the life of the program, Co/Motion:

- Awarded nearly \$500,000 in matching challenge grants
- Conducted more than 250 youth advocacy training sessions
- Developed national public awareness campaigns
- Spearheaded grassroots legislative campaigns on public policy issues including firearm licensing and the federal assault weapons ban

The new experiences and learning opportunities and the chance to think about policy and how it affects the daily life of real people opened new paths to participants — paths that lead away from violence and toward a life of civic engagement.

Empowering Diverse Advocates for Change

Who speaks for the public interest — for communities, for under-represented groups, for those who aren't bound to special interests? Nonprofits and foundations are their voice — and Alliance for Justice is committed to keeping that voice strong. We help these groups find ways to participate in public policy, to ensure the security of funding and to fully exercise their speech and advocacy rights. Whether hosting a workshop or leading the response to proposed legislation, Alliance for Justice is a partner on which hundreds of social justice, civil rights, consumer and environmental organizations have come to depend.



AFJ Director of Advocacy Programs Liz Towne opens a Speakers Series lecture on Advocating for Hurricane Recovery featuring Pablo Eisenberg of Georgetown Public Policy Institute and George Penick of Foundation for the Midlands.

New Tools and Vital Information for Change

Alliance for Justice's popular, plain-language publications provide up-to-date information on federal tax and election laws governing advocacy groups.

Foundations and nonprofits often have difficulty quantifying their efforts and results — yet that evidence is essential to their continued funding. To address this problem, Alliance for Justice developed *Build Your Advocacy Grantmaking: The Foundation Advocacy Initiative Evaluation Tool*. This solution helps nonprofits document their resources and progress.

AFJ also launched a quarterly Speaker Series—topical events addressing issues of concern for nonprofits and foundations. These Washington, DC events were well attended and technological advances on our web site enabled a nationwide audience to tune in via an audio file of the event.

ADVOCACY POLICY PROJECT

Pushing Back When Nonprofits' Rights Are Attacked

Nonprofits have a First Amendment right to speak out on critical policy issues affecting their communities, but Congress has threatened to slam the door on that right. The Nonprofit Advocacy Project keeps

advocacy channels open. Major issues tackled in 2005 included:

- Protecting the right to broadcast issue ads before elections: Filed *amicus* brief in Supreme Court on behalf of Wisconsin Right to Life and submitted comments to Federal Election Commission. AFJ's defense of free speech in this case made for strange bedfellows, which attracted national media attention.
- Standing up for free and open debate online: Filed comments and testified against pending Federal Election Commission activity.
- Preserving the power of grassroots groups: Worked toward eliminating the distinctions between direct and grassroots lobbying spending in the Charitable Giving Bill.
- Making broader voter mobilization possible: Monitored legislation that limited voter registration activity for groups that accepted affordable housing funds; led an effort to change proposed legislation limiting voter-mobilization activity in the School Readiness Act; opposed restrictions on 527 organizations that would limit voter mobilization.
- Keeping federal funding fair: Successfully persuaded the Combined Federal Campaign to correct a misstatement on its application that effectively limited program applicants.

Advocacy by Numbers

Advocacy program benefits go beyond the numbers — but this roster of 2005 activities gives some idea of the scope and diversity of the Nonprofit Advocacy Project and the Foundation Advocacy Initiative.

6 Advocacy Advisories issued: Easy-to-reproduce one-page summaries on hot topics and changing rules on advocacy.

113 workshops conducted: Including the new “Game Plan,” a workshop developed by the West Coast office, teaching novice advocates how to set the stage for a campaign and to begin adding advocacy components to their organizations.

Nearly 10,000 total hours of staff time devoted to in-person workshops and online training sessions.

52 workshops sponsored: Nonprofits and foundations organized workshops for staffs and constituencies.

5 day-long Worry-Free Advocacy workshops presented: Alliance for Justice sponsors these workshops, sometimes in partnership with a local organization, and opens registration to all nonprofit groups. The low registration fee covers all materials and meals, making the workshops affordable for local groups with small budgets.

15 web workshops operated: One-hour training sessions were a popular new addition because they help save participants’ travel time and money.

7 specialized online training sessions offered: New offerings created for attorneys and accountants advising nonprofits appealed to busy professionals.

2 specialized in-person seminars held: Two-day in-depth workshops for attorneys and accountants were held in California and Washington, D.C. Attendees qualified for both legal and professional continuing education credits.

27 training sessions for grantmakers conducted: These sessions were conducted at funders’ meetings including the Council of Foundations.

5 full-day training sessions for grantmakers: *Funder’s Guide to Advocacy* workshops were the flip side of the Worry-Free workshops — open to all funders.

9 exhibits presented: At grantmakers’ conferences, through the Foundation Advocacy Initiative.

8,100 staff members reached: The Nonprofit Action Network e-mail list provided up-to-date information on advocacy rules and regulations.

12 Alerts issued: The Nonprofit Action Network Alerts covered topics ranging from the 527 Reform Act to blogs facing FEC threats.

2,150 subscribers informed: The Foundation Advocacy Initiative’s e-newsletter, *Foundation Advocacy Bulletin*.

6 annual publications: *The Bulletin* stepped up publication to bimonthly in 2005.

1,292 technical assistance calls and e-mails responded to: Staff offered assistance on real-life questions and gave updates on new developments in law.

Hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars saved: In legal fees and research by nonprofits and foundations that apply what they learn from Alliance for Justice, enabling them to concentrate more fully on carrying out their substantive agendas.

ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Progressive Community Celebrates AFJ's 25th Anniversary



Nan Aron

When Alliance for Justice held its 25th anniversary luncheon, *Just One Vote*, it was clear the composition of the Court could change at any moment. In just weeks, it would become apparent to the nation how important their one vote, and issues concerning the Court, could be.

AFJ honored two courageous senators on the Judiciary Committee for their work in standing up for justice and fairness — Richard Durbin from Illinois and Charles Schumer from New York. Both senators played leading roles on the Senate Judiciary Committee on judicial nominations.



Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)



Councilman Tom Perez
(D-Montgomery County, MD)



Eleanor Clift, *Newsweek* and
The McLaughlin Group



Rep. George Miller (D-CA)



Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

Looking ahead

Poised to Protect Justice as Further Threats Loom

A strong coalition doesn't surrender in the face of frustrations or setbacks — it redoubles its efforts to win over the long haul. As we look back over the past year, we can see how our work will make us stronger so we can make a lasting impact on the future.

Our strides in infrastructure, strategic planning, rapid-response research, communications technology and enhanced programs will help us continue our work into the next decade. Likewise, our reputation, credibility and strong relationships in the Senate guarantee a promising future.

Perhaps one of the most promising developments to emerge from 2005 is the sharp increase in participation by law students, thanks in part to guidance from their professors. The nation became their classroom and they have responded with robust debate and political action.

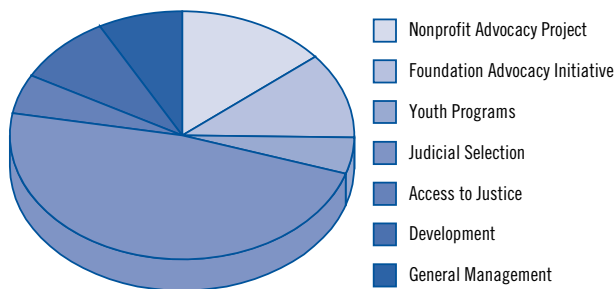
But the hope for a fair and independent judiciary rests as strongly with us as it does with these students. Alliance for Justice calls you to join all of us as we organize — and **win**.

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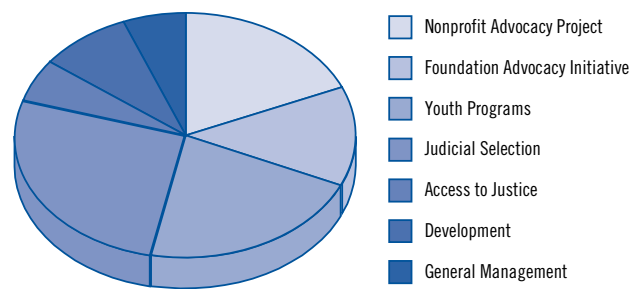
2005 Rolling Financial Analysis

	2005	2004	2003
Revenue			
Foundation Grants	\$3,954,390	\$3,027,070	\$4,761,350
Public Support	\$1,028,725	\$311,804	\$273,316
Publication Sales	\$34,550	\$42,468	\$60,899
Other	\$174,282	\$168,890	\$228,011
Total Revenue	\$5,191,947	\$3,550,232	\$5,323,576
Expenses			
Programs			
Nonprofit Advocacy Project	\$729,680	\$693,416	\$705,893
Foundation Advocacy Initiative	\$578,413	\$492,118	\$374,208
Youth Programs	\$246,332	\$806,117	\$992,979
Judicial Selection Project	\$2,476,041	\$983,896	\$1,054,361
Access to Justice	\$266,505	\$210,223	\$125,134
Supporting Services			
Development	\$468,231	\$327,789	\$241,554
General Management	\$410,573	\$223,868	\$168,074
Total Expenses	\$5,175,775	\$3,737,427	\$3,662,203
Change in Net Assets	\$89,933	(\$100,490)	\$1,814,018
Net Assets at the Beginning of FY	\$4,433,119	\$4,533,609	\$2,719,591
Net Assets at the End of FY	\$4,523,052	\$4,433,119	\$4,533,609
Net Assets			
Unrestricted	\$3,607,613	\$2,163,388	\$1,924,891
Temporarily Restricted	\$915,439	\$2,269,731	\$2,608,718
Total Net Assets	\$4,523,052	\$4,433,119	\$4,533,609

2005 Expenses



2004 Expenses



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Alliance for Justice staff gathers for a celebratory group photo after a successful 25th anniversary luncheon.

*“We will work. We will organize.
And we will win, because of fights
like the ones this past year.”*

Nan Aron

MILESTONES

1979

Twenty advocacy organizations join to form Alliance for Justice



1983

Congress holds hearings in response to Alliance for Justice's Office of Management and Budget report

1983

Nonprofit Advocacy Project forms to empower advocates with information on the law governing nonprofit lobbying and electoral activity

1984

Alliance for Justice launches the Judicial Selection Project after Ronald Reagan promises to remake the federal judiciary in his second term

1986

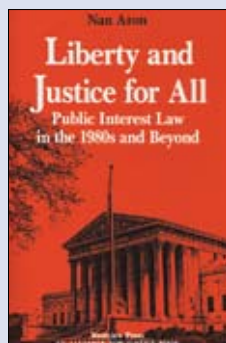
Judicial Selection Project produces first annual report

1987

Alliance for Justice leads efforts that result in the defeat of Robert Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court

1989

Nan Aron's *Liberty and Justice for All: Public Interest Law in the 1980s and Beyond* published

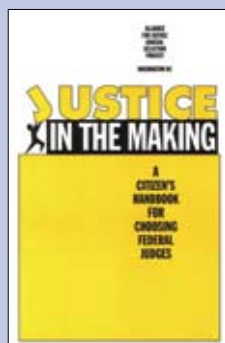


1991

Alliance for Justice publishes *Being a Player*, the first guide encouraging nonprofit advocacy within the IRS regulations for public charities

1991

Alliance for Justice leads opposition to Clarence Thomas' nomination to the Supreme Court — he is narrowly confirmed



1993

Nan Aron and Alliance for Justice publish *Justice in the Making — A Citizen's Guide*

1993

Foundation Advocacy Initiative is formed to encourage foundations to support organizations that lobby

1994

Inaugural *First Monday* is held to inspire law students to pursue careers in public interest law

1995

Co/Motion is formed to support youth activism

1995

Alliance for Justice helps defeat Istook Amendment, an attempt to gag federal grant recipients

1996

AllianceforJustice.org is launched

2000

Co/Motion awards its first challenge grant to support youth groups working on gun violence prevention

2000

Alliance for Justice leads successful fight for the confirmation of Richard Paez and Marsha Berzon to the Ninth Circuit



2001

IndependentJudiciary.com launches to provide information in support of a fair and independent judiciary

2002

Alliance for Justice leads efforts that result in the defeat of circuit court nominees Charles Pickering and Priscilla Owen

2002

Alliance for Justice gains its 65th organizational member

2003

Successful filibusters against extreme Bush judicial nominees

2003

Access to Justice Program founded

2004

West Coast office opens

2005

SupremeCourtWatch.org launched; first podcast produced; first blog posted

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