

California Homeschool Network (CHN)

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Legal Representation Announced

Debbie Schwarzer of Homeschool Association of California (HSC) and I have been in daily contact this week as we discussed legal options, and we both agree that this is an important time for all groups, and especially California's two inclusive groups, to work together. There will be no wasted energy spent, because we're in agreement that we're stronger if we work together.

Debbie couldn't have illustrated this cooperation any better when two firms contacted her. At one point, we were considering being co-clients, but when a second excellent firm stepped forward, it was Debbie's suggestion that one represent HSC and one represent CHN, and that we all remain in communication so that the absolute strongest defense could be mounted. This decision would be unheard of just about anywhere, but we're firmly fixed on winning this for homeschoolers. I met with attorney Jerry Salcido of Baker & McKenzie and Debbie by phone yesterday. In addition to being an attorney, Jerry is a homeschooling dad with young children, so you can bet his heart is in this case!

For those of you who are members of Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA), Family Protection Ministry (FPM), or Christian Home Educator's Association (CHEA), you'll be pleased to know that HSC and CHN are remaining in contact with these organizations as well, and they are in agreement that having several law firms representing the various groups will strengthen the fight, so everyone remains willing to work together for the good of all. I can't tell you how pleased I am. This case is too big to be won by any one group, and the cooperation is what homeschoolers want. Naturally, each group is looking out for the interests of their members, but it's possible to do that and also work in conjunction with others, and that's what we're doing.

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