



Dana Cody, Esq.
Executive Director
Catherine W. Short, Esq.
Legal Director
Mary Riley
Administrative Director
Allison K. Aranda, Esq.
Senior Staff Counsel

Board of Directors

John R. Streett, Esq.
Chairman
Dana Cody, Esq.
Marcella Tyler Ketelhut
Terry L. Thompson, Esq.
Colette Wilson, Esq.
Anthony E. Wynne, JD

Advisory Board

The Hon. Steve Baldwin
San Diego, California
The Rev. Michael R. Carey, OP, JD
Colorado
Daniel Cathcart, Esq.
Los Angeles, California
The Hon. William P. Clark
Paso Robles, California
Raymond Dennehy, PhD.
San Francisco, California
The Rev. Joseph D. Fessio,
SJ
San Francisco, California
The Hon. Ray Haynes
Riverside, California
James Hirsén, Esq.
Riverside, California
The Hon. Howard Kaloogian
Los Angeles, California
David Llewellyn, Esq.
Sacramento, California
Anne J. O'Connor, Esq.
New Jersey
Charles E. Rice, Esq.
South Bend, Indiana
Ben Stein, Esq.
West Hollywood, California
Andrew Zepeda, Esq.
Beverly Hills, California

Northern California

(Administration)
P.O. Box 2105
Napa, California 94558
(707) 224-6675

Southern California

P.O. Box 1313
Ojai, California 93024
(805) 640-1940

LLDF.org

February 3, 2015

Alabama Department of Public Health

ATTN: Brian Hale

201 Monroe Street, Suite 1540

Montgomery, Alabama 36104

334-206-5366 (voice)

334-206-5874 (fax)

brian.hale@adph.state.al.us

Sent via email

RE: Central Alabama Women's Clinic

To Mr. Hale:

In June 2014, Sarah Howell sent a letter to you notifying the ADPH about a suspected illegal abortion clinic in Selma, AL being operated by Dr. Samuel Lett. In July 2014, I sent documentary evidence to the ADPH at your request, demonstrating that Dr. Lett was in fact performing abortions out of his medical office without a license to operation an abortion facility, as required under Alabama law.

In fact, during the course of three weeks in July, various individuals called the Central Alabama Women's Clinic seeking an abortion. During these calls, a woman answered the phone and confirmed that the individuals could obtain an abortion at the clinic. More than 10 appointments for abortions were scheduled between July 1, 2014 and July 22, 2014. The evidence obtained during the investigation strongly suggested that Dr. Lett was operating an illegal abortion clinic in Selma. We are forwarding this same information to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners in a formal complaint to be filed against Dr. Lett today.

We implored the ADPH to act swiftly and efficiently to confirm our evidence and shut down the illegal abortion clinic. Yet, **eight months** have passed and it is unclear if the ADPH has even begun an investigation into Dr. Lett's illegal activities. The women of Alabama are entitled to quality medical services that are provided by licensed medical professionals, not questionable care provided by an unlicensed abortionist operating an unregulated back alley abortion clinic. We have given the ADPH ample time to conduct a thorough investigation and to take action.

The citizens of Alabama have a right to know that Dr. Lett is not an authorized abortion provider and that his actions have gone unregulated by the ADPH. My clients have scheduled a press conference for Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in Selma to announce the beginning of a public awareness campaign to expose Dr. Lett's illegal abortion clinic. This campaign will be joined by a large number of national and international pro-life organizations.

On behalf of CEC for Life, Operation Rescue, and concerned citizens of Alabama, we can no longer sit back, hoping that the ADPH will complete a job that should have been done months ago. We will now actively let the public know that Dr. Lett is running an illegal abortion clinic, that the ADPH has been aware of Dr. Lett's illegal activities for 8 months, and that the ADPH is putting women at risk by failing to give this situation the necessary priority.

We welcome your prompt response to this vitally important matter and look forward to your comments at the press conference on Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

Very truly yours,



Allison K. Aranda, Senior Staff Counsel
Life Legal Defense Foundation
PO Box 890685
Temecula, CA 92589
Phone – 951-296-2835
Fax – 951-541-2711
akaranda@lldf.org