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## INTRODUCTION

Applicant Personal Liberty Media Group, LLC respectfully appeals from the trademark attorney's final refusal to register under Section 2(e)(1) of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1052(e)(1).

Applicant's trademark is PERSONAL LIBERTY DIGEST for providing a website featuring information in the fields of economics, politics and wealth management. The trademark attorney has refused registration on the grounds that the mark PERSONAL LIBERTY DIGEST is merely descriptive of applicant's providing a website featuring information in the fields of economics, politics and wealth management. For the reasons set forth hereafter, the trademark PERSONAL LIBERTY DIGEST does not merely describe providing a website featuring information in the fields of economics, politics and wealth management. There is no evidence that others are using the name PERSONAL LIBERTY DIGEST for providing a website featuring information in the fields of economics, politics and wealth management. Accordingly, all of the objective factors to be considered in determining whether a trademark is merely descriptive, as opposed to suggestive, establish that PERSONAL LIBERTY DIGEST is not merely descriptive of the applicant's goods and services.

## FACTS

Applicant filed this intent to use application on November 9, 2011, for the mark PERSONAL LIBERTY DIGEST for providing a website featuring information in the fields of current events, economics, politics, wealth management and personal health.

On February 28, 2013, the trademark attorney entered a refusal to register under Trademark Act Section 2(e)(1) on the grounds that PERSONAL LIBERTY DIGEST merely describes applicant's goods. The evidence relied upon by the trademark attorney to support this refusal to register were dictionary definitions for the words "personal" and "liberty" and the phrase "personal liberty" and webpages displaying articles that include the phrase "personal liberty."

Applicant filed a response thereto on August 20, 2013, arguing that its trademark is not merely descriptive of the goods and services. Additionally, applicant submitted third-party registrations on the Principal Register for trademarks such as LIBERTY NEWS NETWORK for providing an internet website featuring news, commentary and information in the field of national and international politics, EDUCATIONAL LIBERTY, for, *inter alia*, education services, namely, mentoring in the field of liberal arts; education services, namely, providing live and on-line classes in the field of liberal arts; education services, namely, providing on-line classes in the field of liberal arts; education services, namely, training educators to teach through service learning and civic engagement and providing curricula in connection therewith; and providing information about education, LIBERTY COUNSEL for educational materials, namely, books, brochures and informational fliers featuring information on religion, civil liberties, religious freedom and the importance of education as it relates to religion, civil liberties, religious freedom, EXPLORING LIBERTY for educational services, namely, developing,

arranging, and conducting classes, seminars, workshops, and conferences in the fields of philosophy, policy, history, economics, law, literature, and political science, and distribution of educational materials in connection therewith, LIBERTY INSTITUTE for charitable legal services, namely, providing customized information, counseling, advice, and litigation services in all areas of religious freedom and First Amendment rights, LIBERTY LEGAL INSTITUTE for charitable legal services, namely, providing customized information, counseling, advice and litigation services in all areas of religious freedom and First Amendment rights, RETIREMENT LIBERTY for financial planning, LIBERTY INFOLINE for financial information services by telephone recording, NATIONAL LIBERTY for, *inter alia*, financial planning, namely, the creation of personalized strategies to achieve financial independence and HOME LIBERTY for mortgage banking. These third-party registrations were submitted for illustrating how the Trademark Office has interpreted such trademarks using these words in composite marks to be suggestive and to establish “doubt” that applicant’s mark is not merely descriptive.

The trademark attorney entered a final refusal to register the trademark PERSONAL LIBERTY DIGEST by Office Action mailed September 30, 2013. The trademark attorney cited a number of webpages that the trademark attorney said showed that the wording PERSONAL LIBERTY refers to “the liberty of an individual to do his or her will freely except for those restraints imposed by law to safeguard the physical, moral, political, and economic welfare of others.”

On October 30, 2013, applicant filed a Notice of Appeal.

## ISSUE

Whether the trademark PERSONAL LIBERTY DIGEST is merely descriptive of providing a website featuring information in the fields of economics, politics and wealth management.

## ARGUMENT

A trademark is not merely descriptive if it does not immediately tell an average potential purchaser what the goods or services are. In re Energy Resources Corporation, 173 USPQ 510 (TTAB 1972) (holding ENERGY RESOURCES not merely descriptive of the services of exploration for and production of oil and gas for others). Accordingly, if a trademark does not, without interpretation and imagination, describe the goods or services, then the trademark is not merely descriptive. In re The Gracious Lady Service, Inc., 174 USPQ 340 (TTAB 1972). If the mental leap between the mark and the applicant's goods and services is not almost instantaneous, this strongly indicates suggestiveness, not mere descriptiveness. See McCarthy on Trademarks (4th ed.), § 11.67 at 118. Further, a trademark is not merely descriptive if it is not needed by others to describe the goods or services. See McCarthy on Trademarks (4th ed.), § 11.68.

Applicant's mark does not merely describe its goods/services. The mark does not immediately tell a prospective purchaser what Applicant's goods/services are because the words "personal" and "liberty" have several different meanings. For example, "personal" can mean (1) of, relating to, or affecting a particular person, (2) done in person without the intervention of another, (3) carried on between individuals directly, (4) relating to the person or body, (5) relating to an individual or an individual's character, conduct, motives, or private affairs often in an offensive manner, (6) being rational and self-conscious, (7) of, relating to, or constituting personal property, or (8) intended for private use or use by one person. *See* Definition of

“personal” at Merriam-Webster.com, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. “Liberty” can mean (1) the quality or state of being free, (2) the power to do as one pleases, (3) freedom from physical restraint, (4) freedom from arbitrary or despotic control, (5) the positive enjoyment of various social, political, or economic rights and privileges, (6) the power of choice, (7) a right or immunity enjoyed by prescription or by grant, (8) permission especially to go freely within specified limits, (9) an action going beyond normal limits, (10) a breach of etiquette or propriety, (11) a violation of rules or a deviation from standard practice, (12) a distortion of fact, and (13) a short authorized absence from naval duty usually for less than 48 hours. *See* Definition of “liberty” at Merriam-Webster.com, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. Thus, when combined to form the mark PERSONAL LIBERTY, the phrase “personal liberty” can create in the minds of consumers a multitude of meanings, and none of these meanings immediately tells consumers that Applicant’s goods/services are providing a website featuring information in the fields of economics and politics. For example, “personal liberty” can be interpreted to mean a breach of etiquette, a violation of rules, a distortion of fact, or a short authorized absence from naval duty, all done in person without the intervention of another. “Personal liberty” can also be interpreted to mean a breach of etiquette, a violation of rules, a distortion of fact, or a short authorized absence from naval duty, all carried on between individuals directly. Additionally, “personal liberty” can be interpreted to mean the power to do as one pleases with one’s body in a manner that is perceived by some to be beyond normal limits, a breach of etiquette or propriety or a deviation from standard practice. Exemplary actions could include extreme sports such as base jumping, getting a tattoo, piercing one’s nose or having an abortion. Lastly, “personal liberty” can be interpreted to mean personal enjoyment of the right to own property, the right to defend oneself or the right to bodily integrity. As such, a prospective purchaser must interpret

the mark in an attempt to ascertain the goods/services represented by the mark. Hence, Applicant's trademark is at most suggestive of Applicant's goods/services.

A mark is suggestive if it requires imagination, thought and perception to reach a conclusion as to the nature of goods and services. See *Stix Products, Inc. v. United Merchants & Mfrs. Inc.*, 295 F. Supp. 479, 160 USPQ 777 (S.D.N.Y. 1968). If the mental leap between the mark and the applicant's services is not almost instantaneous, this strongly indicates suggestiveness, not mere descriptiveness. See *McCarthy on Trademarks*, § 1.67 (4th ed.) at 118. There is no instantaneous recognition of the nature of applicant's goods/services from its mark.

In support of the Office Action, the examining attorney states that:

“PERSONAL LIBERTY” refers to “the liberty of an individual to do his or her will freely except for those restraints imposed by law to safeguard the physical, moral, political, and economic welfare of others.” Applicant's newsletters and the information provided on its website concern “PERSONAL LIBERTY,” and this wording is thus descriptive of the goods and services.

Office Action dated September 30, 2013. In response, Applicant notes that Applicant's goods/services include newsletters in the fields of current events, economics, politics, wealth management and personal management; providing a website featuring information in the fields of economics and politics; and providing a website featuring information in the field of wealth management. Applicant's goods/service are not newsletters in the field of the liberty of an individual to do his or her will freely except for those restraints imposed by law to safeguard the physical, moral, political, and economic welfare of others or providing a website featuring information in the field of the liberty of an individual to do his or her will freely except for those restraints imposed by law to safeguard the physical, moral, political, and economic welfare of others. Applicant further notes that its goods/service are not in the fields of liberty, liberty of an

individual, liberty of an individual do his or her will freely, the law, restraints imposed by laws or laws for the safeguard the physical, moral, political, and economic welfare of others.

Applicant respectfully submits that the trademark attorney has improperly associated the fields of current events, economics, politics, wealth management and personal management, as applied to Applicant's goods/service, with "personal liberty" because the description of the phrase selected and relied upon by the trademark attorney, which is one of several available descriptions, includes the phrase "except for those restraints imposed by law to safeguard the physical, moral, political, and economic welfare of others." The trademark attorney appears to be reading this phrase and relying on the words "political" and "economic" therein in a vacuum without considering the preceding phrase "the liberty of an individual to do his or her will freely." This phrase, which encompasses the essential meaning of "personal liberty", does not describe a feature or characteristic of the applicant's goods/services or relate to the fields of current events, economics, politics, wealth management and personal management. Nowhere in Applicant's goods/services' description is any reference made to freedoms or rights of any kind whether they be civil rights, property rights, natural rights or individual rights. Further, Applicant's goods/services make no mention of legal matters, legal restraints, or laws, much less laws to safeguard the physical, moral, political, and economic welfare of others.

To further show that the trademark attorney has improperly construed the meaning of "personal liberty" by overemphasizing two words of a single phrase within a selected description of personal liberty, the applicant points to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2013, wherein the trademark attorney cites a webpage from Amazon.com describing personal liberty as "[t]he only freedom which deserves the name, is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it." This

description of personal liberty includes no reference to the “political and economic welfare of others” because it is not essential to the meaning of personal liberty. In the description selected by the trademark attorney, the phrase “except for those restraints imposed by law to safeguard the physical, moral, political, and economic welfare of others” is included in the phrase to communicate a single source’s understanding of what the restraints upon an individual’s free will are. However, as evidenced by the trademark attorney’s Amazon.com reference and as further shown below, there are other interpretations of the “personal liberty” that make no mention of the “political or economic welfare of others.”

Additional evidence that the trademark attorney has misconstrued the meaning of personal liberty is provided in the following excerpts from webpages which are attached hereto as Exhibits 3-7:

“liberty (in political science)

liberty, term used to describe various types of individual freedom, such as religious liberty, political liberty, freedom of speech, right of self-defense, and others. It is also used as a general term for the sum of specific liberties. Fundamental perhaps is *personal liberty, the freedom of a person to come and go as he or she pleases without unwarranted restraint.*”

See Exhibit 3.

“personal liberty” *n* (individual freedom)”

See Exhibit 4.

“LIBERTY

Freedom from restraint. The power of acting as one thinks fit, without any restraint or control, except from the laws of nature.

2. Liberty is divided into civil, natural, personal, and political.

3. Civil liberty is the power to do whatever is permitted by the constitution of the state and the laws of the land. It is no other than natural liberty, so far restrained by

human laws, and no further, operating equally upon all the citizens, as is necessary and expedient for the general advantage of the public. (Citations omitted).

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5. Natural liberty is the right which nature gives to all mankind, of disposing of their persons and property after the manner they judge most consonant to their happiness, on condition of their acting within the limits of the law of nature, and that they do not in any way abuse it to the prejudice of other men. (Citations omitted).

6. Personal liberty is the independence of our actions of all other will than our own. Wolff, *Ins. Nat.* <sup>1</sup> 77. It consists in the power of locomotion, of changing situation, or removing one's person to whatever place one's inclination may direct, without imprisonment or restraint, unless by due course of law. 1 *Bl. Com.* 134.

7. Political liberty may be defined to be, the security by which, from the constitution, form and nature of the established government, the citizens enjoy civil liberty. No ideas or definitions are more distinguishable than those of civil and political liberty, yet they are generally confounded. 1 *Bl. Com.* 6, 125. The political liberty of a state is based upon those fundamental laws which establish the distribution of legislative and executive powers. The political liberty of a citizen is that tranquility of mind, which is the effect of an opinion that he is in perfect security; and to insure this security, the government must be such that one citizen shall not fear another."

*See Exhibits 5-7.* These descriptions of "personal liberty" make no mention whatsoever to the "political and economic welfare of others" as set out in the description relied upon by the trademark attorney. That is because the use of "political and economic welfare of others" in the description selected by the trademark attorney is unnecessary and unessential to the meaning of the phrase.

In further support of the refusal to register PERSONAL LIBERTY DIGEST, the trademark attorney relied on several third-party uses of the phrase "personal liberty" for unrelated services, not newsletters in the fields of current events, economics, politics, wealth management and personal management; providing a website featuring information in the fields of economics and politics; and providing a website featuring information in the field of wealth management. In particular, in the Office Action dated September 30, 2013, the trademark

attorney relies upon excerpts from webpages which use the phrase “personal liberty” to describe perceived eroding rights or freedoms. However, as explained above, applicant’s goods/services are not related to rights or freedoms, rather they are newsletters in the fields of current events, economics, politics, wealth management and personal management; providing a website featuring information in the fields of economics and politics; and providing a website featuring information in the field of wealth management.

Additional persuasive evidence that Applicant’s mark is not merely descriptive is the fact that the Trademark Office has allowed numerous trademarks on the Principal Register using the term “liberty” in connection with (1) information and/or educational services related to current event, economics, wealth management and/or politics and (2) wealth management and/or financial planning services, all without requiring a showing of distinctiveness under § 2(f) or disclaimer of the term “liberty” or the entire mark including, for example, the following:

<u>MARK</u>	<u>REG. NO.</u>	<u>GOODS/SERVICES</u> (Summary)
LIBERTY LION	4,262,089	Providing a website featuring blogs and non-downloadable publications in the nature of articles and journals in the fields of political science, economics and world affairs
LIBERTY NEWS NETWORK	4,232,620	Providing an internet website featuring news, commentary and information in the field of national and international politics
LIBERTY OR BONDAGE	3,749,294	Providing a website featuring on-line journals, newsletters and publications in the field of news, politics and opinion
EMPOWER LIBERTY	4,216,572	Providing information in the nature of commentary, quotes, statistics, news, audio, video and links to any available types of media in the areas of current

		events, journalism, American history and specifically having to do with and surrounding the founding of the United States of America
EDUCATIONAL LIBERTY	4,375,606	Education services, namely, mentoring in the field of liberal arts; Education services, namely, providing live and on-line classes in the field of liberal arts; Education services, namely, providing on-line classes in the field of liberal arts; Education services, namely, training educators to teach through service learning and civic engagement and providing curricula in connection therewith; Providing information about education
THE LIBERTY TREE	1,679,329	Newsletters dealing with long-term survival planning, personal security, evaluations of products, book reviews, civil defense, self-sufficiency, international socio-economic, geo-political trends and military affairs, emphasized by an overview of Bible prophecy
LIBERTY COUNSEL	2,287,617	Educational materials, namely, books, brochures and informational fliers featuring information on religion, civil liberties, religious freedom and the importance of education as it relates to religion, civil liberties, religious freedom
EXPLORING LIBERTY	3,645,491	Educational services, namely, developing, arranging, and conducting classes, seminars, workshops, and conferences in the fields of philosophy, policy, history, economics, law, literature, and political science, and distribution of educational materials in connection therewith
FREEDOM NETWORK WHERE LIBERTY DWELLS	2,989,691	Educational books on government and politics

LIBERTY BELL PUBLICATIONS	2,853,680	Series of non fiction books featuring anthropology, sociology, politics, religion
LIBERTY INSTITUTE	3,923,845	Charitable legal services, namely, providing customized information, counseling, advice, and litigation services in all areas of religious freedom and First Amendment rights
LIBERTY LEGAL INSTITUTE	3,633,837	Charitable legal services, namely, providing customized information, counseling, advice and litigation services in all areas of religious freedom and First Amendment rights
LADY LIBERTY	2,499,711	Awards to persons demonstrating excellence in the fields of commerce and economic development, national security and world peace, nature and the environment, education and human services, promoting democracy throughout the world, and working for peace and prosperity through their leadership, initiative and vision
RETIREMENT LIBERTY	4,056,482	Financial planning
LIBERTY INFOLINE	1,760,218	financial information services by telephone recording
THE LIBERTY FREEDOM ACCOUNT	1,781,722	banking services; namely, a package of banking and financial services targeted for a specific client base
NATIONAL LIBERTY	3,384,861	Credit consultation; Financial planning, namely, the creation of personalized strategies to achieve financial independence
LIBERTY CORNER	2,905,183	Financial and investment services, namely, investment advisory services; investment management services; asset management services; investing the funds of others through pooled investment funds and separately managed investment accounts; formation, offering and management of investment partnerships; securities lending agency and securities brokerage services
LIBERTY HARBOR	3,752,632	Financial services, namely, investment funds; collective investment fund

		management, administration and advisory services; financial investment and asset advisory services; financial management, analysis, and research services
HOME LIBERTY	2,945,891	Mortgage banking [; insurance services, namely, insurance underwriting in the fields of mortgage protection insurance, homeowners insurance, auto insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, health insurance, and long term care insurance; financial planning]
LIBERTY REVERSE MORTGAGE	3,219,464	Providing financial consultation in the field of reverse loans
LIBERTY'S LEGACY	4,353,606	Education services, namely, conducting patriotic classes in the field of character-building, financial literacy and career development components that are the foundation for proud, responsible and outstanding citizens

Attached hereto as Exhibits 8-29 are true and correct copies of the specimens printed from the Trademark Office TDR system for LIBERTY LION, LIBERTY NEWS NETWORK, LIBERTY OR BONDAGE, EMPOWER LIBERTY, EDUCATIONAL LIBERTY, THE LIBERTY TREE, LIBERTY COUNSEL, EXPLORING LIBERTY, FREEDOM NETWORK WHERE LIBERTY DWELLS, LIBERTY BELL PUBLICATIONS, LIBERTY INSTITUTE, LIBERTY LEGAL INSTITUTE, LADY LIBERTY, RETIREMENT LIBERTY, LIBERTY INFOLINE, THE LIBERTY FREEDOM ACCOUNT, NATIONAL LIBERTY, LIBERTY CORNER, LIBERTY HARBOR, HOME LIBERTY, LIBERTY REVERSE MORTGAGE and LIBERTY'S LEGACY, respectively, illustrating trademarks which are not merely descriptive. The Trademark Office allowance of the registrations for LIBERTY NEWS NETWORK, EDUCATIONAL LIBERTY, LIBERTY INSTITUTE, LIBERTY LEGAL INSTITUTE and

LIBERTY INFOLINE is especially persuasive since the recitation of services for each of these marks relates to information services. McCarthy on Trademarks, § 11.69 (the fact that the Trademark Office has registered a number of marks containing the same designation is some evidence that the Trademark Office considers the designation not descriptive).

The trademark attorney states that applicant's argument that there are other registered marks with the word LIBERTY does not overcome the refusal because there are a number of other registrations having the word LIBERTY disclaimed. See Office Action dated September 30, 2013, at p. 3. However, in two of the three instances where a disclaimer was entered for LIBERTY, as cited by the trademark attorney, the goods/services related directly to certain rights or freedoms. For example, the trademark attorney cited a disclaimer of the phrase "religious liberty" in the mark RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ADVOCATES when used in connection public interest legal services relating to the free exercise of religion and religious expression, and the disclaimer of "liberty" in the mark LIBERTY INSIDER when used in connection with entertainment, namely, a continuous religious show broadcast over television, satellite, audio and video media. Unlike these marks, the good/services of the PERSONAL LIBERTY mark make no mention to any rights or freedoms such a religious freedom.

Further, as stated above, the mark PERSONAL FREEDOM may suggest numerous different meanings, none of which merely describe applicant's services. As such, applicant's mark is, at most, merely suggestive of applicant's services. In further support of applicant's position, applicant also notes the following additional trademarks which are not merely descriptive:

1. LOAD-CARRIER for shock absorbers and LOAD-LIFTER for shock absorbers. See Maremount Corporation v. Air Lift Company, 463 F.2d 1114 (CCPA 1972). The Court in

Maremount held that each of the marks was highly suggestive of the function of the class of goods produced by the parties, but that the terms were equally suggestive of many other things.

2. The trademark D\*LETE for liquid compositions for covering over and masking printing and typing errors. See In re Molecudyne, Inc., 174 USPQ 541 (TTAB 1972).

3. The trademark MULTI-COOKER for an electric deep fry pan. See In re Sunbeam Corporation, 142 USPQ 363 (TTAB 1964).

4. The trademarks ZN-PLUS, CA-PLUS and MN-PLUS held not merely descriptive of mineral products containing ingredients of zinc, calcium, and manganese, respectively. See Plus Products v. Medical Modalities, 211 USPQ 1199 (TTAB 1981).

5. The trademark DRI-FOOT held not merely descriptive for an antiperspirant deodorant for feet. See In re Pennwalt Corporation, 173 USPQ 317 (TTAB 1972).

When there is any doubt as to registrability, all doubt must be resolved in favor of Applicant and registration of the trademark should be allowed. See In re J. Ray McDermott & Co., Inc., 170 USPQ 524 (TTAB 1971). Thus, the Board in In re The Stroh Brewery Co., 34 USPQ 2d 1796 (TTAB 1995), in reversing the trademark attorney's requirement for a disclaimer of the words THE VIRGIN BREW, stated that -

When doubts exist as to whether a term is descriptive as applied to the goods or services for which registration is sought, it is the practice of this Board to resolve doubts in favor of the applicant and pass the mark to publication with the knowledge that a competitor of applicant can come forth and initiate an opposition proceeding in which a more complete record can be established.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above, it is clear that applicant's mark PERSONAL LIBERTY DIGEST is not merely descriptive of applicant's goods/services. The fact that the Trademark Office has allowed registrations including the word "liberty" in connection with information services related to other terms in the trademarks clearly establishes more than a "doubt" as to whether the mark is merely descriptive. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the examining attorney reconsider and withdraw the refusal to register.

Publication is respectfully requested.

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Attachments - Exhibits 1-29

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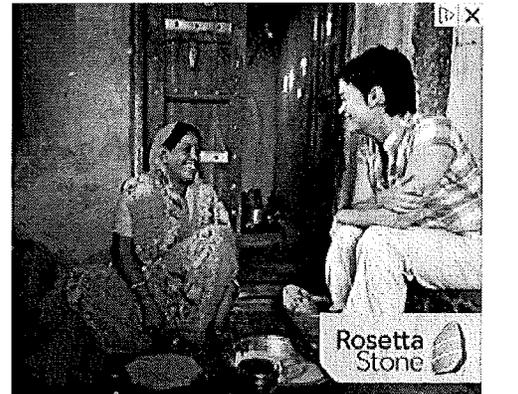
- : belonging or relating to a particular person
- : made or designed to be used by one person
- used to describe someone whose job involves working for or helping a particular person

Full Definition of PERSONAL

[8+]

- 1** : of, relating to, or affecting a particular person : PRIVATE, INDIVIDUAL <personal ambition> <personal financial gain>
- 2 a** : done in person without the intervention of another; *also* : proceeding from a single person
  - b** : carried on between individuals directly <a personal interview>
- 3** : relating to the person or body
- 4** : relating to an individual or an individual's character, conduct, motives, or private affairs often in an offensive manner <a personal insult>
- 5 a** : being rational and self-conscious <personal, responsive government is still possible — John Fischer>
  - b** : having the qualities of a person rather than a thing or abstraction <a personal devil>
- 6** : of, relating to, or constituting personal property <a personal estate>
- 7** : denoting grammatical person

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: intended for private use or use by one person <a *personal* stereo>

- ▣ See personal defined for English-language learners »
- ▣ See personal defined for kids »

**Examples of PERSONAL**

This is just *my personal* opinion.

I can only tell you what I know from *personal* experience.

He added his own *personal* touches to the recipe.

We don't accept *personal* checks.

He is a *personal* friend of mine.

She is always concerned about her *personal* appearance.

We provide each of our customers with *personal* service.

Golf is a *personal* interest of mine.

May I ask you a *personal* question?

That information is very *personal*, and you have no business asking about it.

**Origin of PERSONAL**

Middle English, from Anglo-French *personel*, from Late Latin *personalis*, from Latin *persona*

First Known Use: 14th century

**Related to PERSONAL**

**Synonyms**

idiomatic, individualized, particular, patented, peculiar, individual, personalized, private, privy, separate, singular, subjective, unique

**Antonyms**

general, generic, popular, public, shared, universal

**Related Words**

characteristic, distinctive, intimate; identifying, idiosyncratic; especial, express, special, specific; independent, nonconformist, self-directed, self-sufficient; custom, customized, specialized

**Near Antonyms**

broad, prevailing, prevalent, widespread; common, normal, regular, typical

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**personal** *noun*

**Definition of PERSONAL**

- 1** : a short newspaper paragraph relating to the activities of a person or a group or to personal matters
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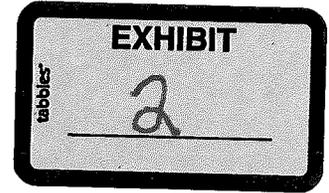
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- 1 : the quality or state of being free:
  - a : the power to do as one pleases
  - b : freedom from physical restraint
  - c : freedom from arbitrary or despotic control
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  - e : the power of choice
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- hard-won *liberties* such as freedom of the press

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### liberty, in political science

liberty, term used to describe various types of individual freedom, such as religious liberty, political liberty, freedom of speech, right of self-defense, and others. It is also used as a general term for the sum of specific liberties. Fundamental perhaps is personal liberty, the freedom of a person to come and go as he or she pleases without unwarranted restraint.

### Historical Perspective

Liberty has a history that shows that it varies with time and place. In England prior to the Habeas Corpus Act (1679) a person could be seized and kept in prison indefinitely without trial or hearing. The common-law prohibition of conspiracy as dangerous to domestic peace and order was invoked far into the 19th cent. to limit the right of association in labor unions. Specifically political liberties, such as the general right to vote and to hold public office, were practically unknown before the 19th cent., when they were achieved by the liberal movement in England. The same is true of such civil liberties as freedom of speech and of the press. Freedom of conscience, the right of private judgment in religious matters, and the right to worship with groups of one's own choosing were nonexistent prior to the Protestant Reformation and still limited in most places for a long time afterward.

### The Philosophical Concept of Liberty

Liberty has found philosophical expression in individualism and anarchism (an extreme form of individualism) and in nationalism. Such philosophers as John Locke and Jean Jacques Rousseau popularized the conception of the individual as having certain natural rights that could not be denied or taken away by society or by any external authority, rights that Thomas Jefferson spoke of in the Declaration of Independence as "unalienable" and that were embodied in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution. Rousseau especially thought of them as the rights possessed by people living in a "state of nature" and not surrendered, only modified, in the social contract by which they agreed to live together in society.

### The Acquisition of Liberty

Political scientists point out that even in a state of nature people are subject to the law of nature and that the rights enjoyed by them in society are historically acquired and not natural except in a strictly social sense. Liberties are acquired through the joining of like-minded individuals to gain special privileges for themselves. Thus, through Magna Carta the English barons in 1215 wrested from King John certain freedoms that in time they had to share with the rest of the people.

The history of liberty in the later Middle Ages is that of numerous corporate groups, such as guilds of artisans and merchants, winning immunity from external control. By agreements with their feudal overlords these groups obtained release from certain feudal dues and bonds, gaining a limited freedom to carry on trade and manufacture, which formed the nucleus of the liberties extended to the bourgeoisie in the 19th cent. Some ethnic minorities, as in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, were able by a show of strength to gain legal status for their language and culture as well as assurance of some political rights. Freedom to follow the trade or profession of one's inclination, as of women to practice medicine, denied in most societies, was gained only in recent times. The feminist movement in the 19th and 20th cent. is a good example of the attempt to gain such rights.

The acquired nature of rights—their dependence on conditions of time and place—also makes them peculiarly subject to danger of loss. Liberties have had to be defended against encroachment, and sometimes populations have had their liberties curtailed. In times of national danger some rights may be suspended, as was the right of habeas corpus by President Abraham Lincoln in the American Civil War, and the struggle for rights not yet acquired may be discontinued.

The freedom for self-expression, as distinguished from the freedom from external restraint, has become increasingly important to the notion of liberty. Since medieval times liberty has been increased by the gradual but advancing removal of restraints once imposed by church and state, by custom and law; in the 20th cent. attention was turned to the creation of certain conditions regarded as necessary if individuals are to develop their fullest potential. The idea of equality, emphasized by the philosophers of the French Revolution, came to be closely associated with the idea of liberty in democratic societies—not equality based on a supposed equality of ability but equality of opportunity. Inequality, especially economic inequality, was held to be as great an obstacle to individual development as any form of external restraint. Therefore it was proposed that the state should seek to equalize as far as possible the conditions in such areas as education, health, and housing, thereby establishing economic and social security, and freedom from want and fear, so that every individual might have equal opportunity for self-realization.

The right of national groups to be independent and sovereign has also come to be regarded as a principle of liberty. Since 1945, more than 50 former colonial areas have become independent states (see imperialism). The UN Commission on Human Rights has sought to promote the extension of political and cultural liberty throughout the world through treaties and covenants, the most important of which has been the Declaration of Human Rights.

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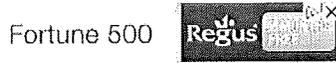
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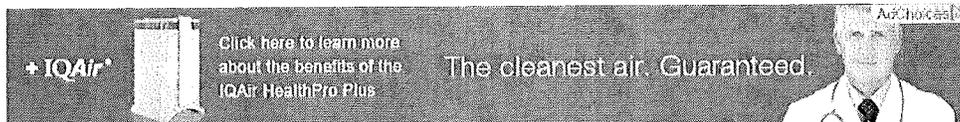
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<b>individual liberty</b> <i>n</i>	(personal freedom or rights)	<b>libertades individuales</b> <i>nf pl</i>
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4. That system of laws is alone calculated to maintain civil liberty, which leaves the citizen entirely master of his own conduct, except in those points in which the public good requires some direction and restraint. When a man is restrained in his natural liberty by no municipal laws but those which are requisite to prevent his violating the natural law, and to promote the greatest moral and physical welfare of the community, he is legally possessed of the fullest enjoyment of his civil rights of individual liberty. But it must not be inferred that individuals are to judge for themselves how far the law may justifiably restrict their individual liberty; for it is necessary to the welfare of the commonwealth, that the law should be obeyed; and thence is derived the legal maxim, that no man may be wiser than the law.

5. Natural liberty is the right which nature gives to all mankind, of disposing of their persons and property after the manner they judge most consonant to their happiness, on condition of their acting within the limits of the law of nature, and that they do not in any way abuse it to the prejudice of othermen. Burlamaqui, c. 3, s. 15; 1 Bl. Com. 125.

6. Personal liberty is the independence of our actions of all other will than our own. Wolff, Ins. Nat. 77. It consists in the power of locomotion, of changing situation, or removing one s person to whatever place one s inclination may direct, without imprisonment or restraint, unless by due course of law. 1 Bl. Com. 134.

7. Political liberty may be defined to be, the security by which, from the constitution, form and nature of the established government, the citizens enjoy civil liberty. No ideas or definitions are more distinguishable than those of civil and political liberty, yet they are generally confounded. 1 Bl. Com. 6, 125. The political liberty of a state is based upon those fundamental laws which establish the distribution of legislative and executive powers. The political liberty of a citizen is that tranquillity of mind, which is the effect of an opinion that he is in perfect security; and to insure this

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8. In the English law, by liberty is meant a privilege held by grant or prescription, by which some men enjoy greater benefits than ordinary subjects. A liberty is also a territory, with some extraordinary privilege.

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## Liberty

The state of being free; enjoying various social, political, or economic rights and privileges. The concept of liberty forms the core of all democratic principles. Yet, as a legal concept, it defies clear definition.

The modern conception of liberty as implying certain fundamental or basic rights dates back to the writings of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century theorists such as Francis Hutcheson and John Locke. Hutcheson believed that all people are equal and that they possess certain basic rights that are conferred by Natural Law. Locke postulated that humans are born with an innate tendency to be reasonable and tolerant. He also believed that all individuals are entitled to liberty under the natural law that governed them before they formed societies. Locke's concept of natural law required that no one should interfere with another's life, health, liberty, or possessions. According to Locke, governments are necessary only to protect those who live within the laws of nature from those who do not. For this reason, he believed that the power of government and the rule of the majority must be kept in check, and that they are best controlled by protecting and preserving individual liberties. Locke's philosophies gave rise to the Separation of Powers and the system of checks and balances that are the basis of U.S. government. Limitless freedom is untenable in a peaceful and orderly society. Yet, the founders of the United States were concerned that individual liberty interests be adequately protected. Echoing Locke's natural-law theory, the Declaration of Independence states that all people have inalienable rights, including the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Similarly, the Preamble to the Constitution outlines the Framers' intent to establish a government structure that ensures freedom from oppression. It reads, in part, "We the People ... in Order to ... secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity...." The Bill of Rights sets forth a number of specific protections of individual liberties.

Through these documents, U.S. citizens are guaranteed Freedom of Speech, press, assembly, and religion; freedom from unreasonable SEARCHES AND SEIZURES; and freedom from Slavery or involuntary servitude. Criminal law and procedure require that a person may not be detained unlawfully and that a person who is accused of a crime is entitled to reasonable bail and a Speedy Trial. The right to be free from unlawful detention has been interpreted to mean not only that the government may not deprive a person of liberty without Due Process of Law, but also that a citizen has a right "to be free in the enjoyment of all his faculties; to be free to use them in all lawful ways; to live and work where he will; to earn his living by any lawful calling; and to pursue any livelihood or vocation" (Allgeyer v. Louisiana, 165 U.S. 578, 17 S. Ct. 427, 41 L. Ed. 832 [1897]). State governments may not regulate individual freedom except for a legitimate public purpose and only by means that are rationally designed to achieve that purpose (see Nebbia v. New York, 291 U.S. 502, 54 S. Ct. 505, 78 L. Ed. 940 [1934]).

The liberties guaranteed to individuals are not granted without restriction. Throughout U.S. history, the U.S. Supreme Court has held that individual freedom may be restricted when necessary to advance a compelling government interest, such as public safety, national security, or the protection of the rights of others. Countless cases have litigated the parameters of justifiable government restriction. In one such case, Perry Education Ass'n v. Perry Local Educators' Ass'n, 460 U.S. 37, 103 S. Ct. 948, 74 L. Ed. 2d 794 (1983), the Court found that the content of a message delivered in a public forum may be restricted if the restriction serves a compelling state interest and is narrowly drawn to achieve that interest. Restrictions on speech in a public forum also may be upheld if the expressive activity being regulated is of a type that is not entitled to full First Amendment protection, such as Obscenity. If a restriction on speech deals only with the time, place, and manner of the activity, it need only serve a significant government interest and allow ample alternative channels of communication (see Perry). In such an instance, the law does not need to be the least restrictive alternative; it is necessary only that the government's interest would be achieved less effectively without it and that the means chosen are not substantially broader than necessary to achieve the interest (Ward v. Rock against Racism, 491 U.S. 781, 109 S. Ct. 2746, 105 L. Ed. 2d 661 [1989]).

The Court has held that the government may infringe on a person's FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION by punishing membership in an organization that advocates illegal conduct if the defendant had knowledge of the group's illegal objectives and had the Specific Intent to further them (see Scales v. United States, 367 U.S. 203, 81 S. Ct. 1469, 6 L. Ed. 2d 782 [1961]; Noto v. United States, 367 U.S. 290, 81 S. Ct. 1517, 6 L. Ed. 2d 836 [1961]).

The Court has also determined that when competing liberty interests clash, the majority may not necessarily impose its belief on the minority. In ABINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT V. SCHEMPP, 374 U.S. 203, 83 S. Ct. 1560, 10 L. Ed. 2d 844 (1963), the Court held that the freedom to exercise one's religion does not extend to prayer sessions in public schools, even if the proposed prayer is nondenominational and favored by the majority. Justice TOM C. CLARK, writing for the majority, emphasized that the freedom to exercise one's religion ends when it infringes on another's right to be free from state-imposed religious practices. He wrote, "While the Free Exercise Clause clearly prohibits the use of State Action to deny the rights of free exercise to anyone, it has never meant that a majority could use the machinery of the State to practice its beliefs." The Court reaffirmed its holding that the Free Exercise Clause does not allow the majority to impose its beliefs on the minority in WALLACE V. JAFFREE, 472 U.S. 38, 105 S. Ct. 2479, 86 L. Ed. 2d 29 (1985).

The Court has engendered bitter and sustained controversy with its defense of privacy rights in cases such as ROE V. WADE, 410 U.S. 113, 93 S. Ct. 705, 35 L. Ed. 2d 147 (1973), which found the constitutional right to privacy to include the right to obtain an Abortion. Critics of such decisions contend that such liberties are not enumerated in the Constitution and that the Court should uphold only rights found in the Constitution. But the Court has consistently held that the liberties enumerated in the Constitution are a continuum that, in the words of Justice John Marshall Harlan, "includes a freedom from all substantial Arbitrary Impositions and purposeless restraints ... and which also recognizes ... that certain interests require particularly careful scrutiny of the state needs asserted to justify their abridgement" (Poe v. Ullman, 367 U.S. 497, 81 S. Ct. 1752, 6 L. Ed. 2d 989 [1961]).

The Court justified its findings of liberty rights that are not enumerated in the Constitution by stating that some rights are basic and fundamental, and that the government has a duty to protect those rights. It has held that the Constitution outlines a "realm of personal liberty which the government may not enter." As an example, it noted that marriage is not mentioned in the Bill of Rights and that interracial marriage was illegal in many places during

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the nineteenth century, but that the Court has rightly found these activities to be within the liberty interests guaranteed by the Constitution.

The Court has repeatedly held that individual liberties must be protected no matter how repugnant some find the activity or individual involved. For example, in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, 505 U.S. 833, 112 S. Ct. 2791, 120 L. Ed. 2d 674 (1992), the Court stated, "Some of us as individuals find abortion offensive to our most basic principles of morality, but that cannot control our decision. Our obligation is to define the liberty of all, not to mandate our own moral code." In *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*, 319 U.S. 624, 63 S. Ct. 1178, 87 L. Ed. 1628 (1943), the Court invalidated a law mandating that all students salute the flag, and in *TEXAS V. JOHNSON*, 491 U.S. 397, 109 S. Ct. 2533, 105 L. Ed. 2d 342 (1989), it invalidated a law prohibiting burning of the flag. In all of these cases, the Court emphasized that individuals may disagree about whether the activity is morally acceptable, but the liberty inherent in the activity may not be proscribed even if a majority of the populace thinks that it should be.

Justice LOUIS D. BRANDEIS summarized the Court's general wariness of government intrusion into liberty interests, in *Whitney v. California*, 274 U.S. 357, 47 S. Ct. 641, 71 L. Ed. 1095 (1927): "Those who won our independence believed that the final end of the state was to make men free." The Court will continue to grapple with the extent to which organized society may restrict individual liberty without violating that mandate.

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See also: absence, authority, capacity, charter, choice, dispensation, emancipation, exception, exemption, freedom, furlough, immunity, informality, latitude, leave, license, opportunity, option, parole, permission, prerogative, privilege, sanction, sufrage

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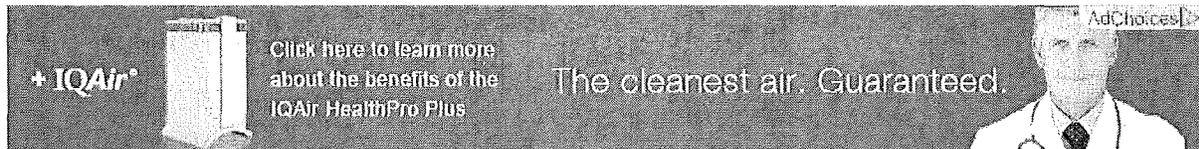
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- 3: personal freedom from servitude or confinement or oppression
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1. The state of a free person; exemption from subjection to the will of another claiming ownership of the person or services; freedom; -- opposed to slavery, serfdom, bondage, or subjection.  
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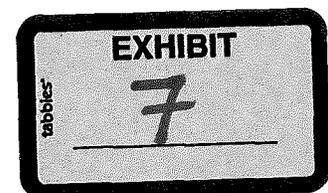
Delivered fro the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. --Bible, 1551. Rom. viii. 21.

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2. Freedom from imprisonment, bonds, or other restraint upon locomotion.  
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Being pent from liberty, as I am now. --Shak.  
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3. A privilege conferred by a superior power; permission granted; leave; as, liberty given to a child to play, or



to a witness to leave a court, and the like.  
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4. Privilege; exemption; franchise; immunity enjoyed by prescription or by grant; as, the liberties of the commercial cities of Europe.  
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His majesty gave not an entire county to any; much less did he grant . . . any extraordinary liberties.  
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5. The place within which certain immunities are enjoyed, or jurisdiction is exercised. [Eng.]  
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Brought forth into some public or open place within the liberty of the city, and there . . . burned.  
--Fuller.

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6. A certain amount of freedom; permission to go freely within certain limits; also, the place or limits within which such freedom is exercised; as, the liberties of a prison.  
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7. A privilege or license in violation of the laws of etiquette or propriety; as, to permit, or take, a liberty.  
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He was repeatedly provoked into striking those who had taken liberties with him. --Macaulay.

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8. The power of choice; freedom from necessity; freedom from compulsion or constraint in willing.  
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The idea of liberty is the idea of a power in any agent to do or forbear any particular action, according to the determination or thought of the mind, whereby either of them is preferred to the other.  
--Locke.

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This liberty of judgment did not of necessity lead to lawlessness.  
--J. A. Symonds.

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At liberty.

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Civil liberty, exemption from arbitrary interference with person, opinion, or property, on the part of the government under which one lives, and freedom to take part in modifying that government or its laws.

Liberty bell. See under Bell.

Liberty cap.

- (a) The Roman pileus which was given to a slave at his

manumission.

- (b) A limp, close-fitting cap with which the head of representations of the goddess of liberty is often decked. It is sometimes represented on a spear or a liberty pole.

Liberty of the press, freedom to print and publish without official supervision.

Liberty party, the party, in the American Revolution, which favored independence of England; in more recent usage, a party which favored the emancipation of the slaves.

Liberty pole, a tall flagstaff planted in the ground, often surmounted by a liberty cap. [U. S.]

Moral liberty, that liberty of choice which is essential to moral responsibility.

Religious liberty, freedom of religious opinion and worship.  
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Syn: Leave; permission; license.

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MATTHEW MCDOWELL, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



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## Liberty News Network

**Reg. No. 4,232,620**

**Registered Oct. 30, 2012**

**Int. Cl.: 35**

**SERVICE MARK**

**PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (MASSACHUSETTS CORPORATION)  
770 N. WESTHILL BLVD  
APPLETON, WI 54914

FOR: PROVIDING AN INTERNET WEBSITE FEATURING NEWS, COMMENTARY AND INFORMATION IN THE FIELD OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, IN CLASS 35 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 102).

FIRST USE 2-19-2010; IN COMMERCE 2-19-2010.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "NEWS NETWORK", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SER. NO. 85-445,956, FILED 10-12-2011.

SEAN CROWLEY, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



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# United States of America

United States Patent and Trademark Office

## LIBERTY OR BONDAGE

**Reg. No. 3,749,294** STALLINGS, KYLE (UNITED STATES INDIVIDUAL)  
Registered Feb. 16, 2010 POST OFFICE BOX 10217  
MIDLAND, TX 79702

**Int. Cl.: 41** FOR: PROVIDING A WEBSITE FEATURING ON-LINE JOURNALS, NEWSLETTERS AND PUBLICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF NEWS, POLITICS AND OPINION, IN CLASS 41 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 107).

**SERVICE MARK**  
**PRINCIPAL REGISTER** FIRST USE 6-18-2009; IN COMMERCE 6-18-2009.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

SER. NO. 77-775,099, FILED 7-6-2009.

GENE MACIOL, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



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# United States of America

United States Patent and Trademark Office

## Empower Liberty

**Reg. No. 4,216,572**

**Registered Oct. 2, 2012**

**Int. Cl.: 41**

**SERVICE MARK**

**PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

EMPOWER LIBERTY, LLC (ARIZONA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)  
4322 S 80TH STREET  
MESA, AZ 85212

FOR: PROVIDING INFORMATION IN THE NATURE OF COMMENTARY, QUOTES, STATISTICS, NEWS, AUDIO, VIDEO AND LINKS TO ANY AVAILABLE TYPES OF MEDIA IN THE AREAS OF CURRENT EVENTS, JOURNALISM, AMERICAN HISTORY AND SPECIFICALLY HAVING TO DO WITH AND SURROUNDING THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN CLASS 41 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 107).

FIRST USE 11-4-2009; IN COMMERCE 11-4-2009.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

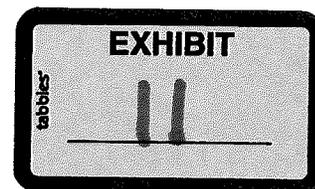
SER. NO. 85-408,668, FILED 8-26-2011.

JACQUELINE A. LAVINE, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



*David J. Kyffes*

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office



# United States of America

United States Patent and Trademark Office

## Educational Liberty

Reg. No. 4,375,606

Registered July 30, 2013

Int. Cl.: 41

SERVICE MARK

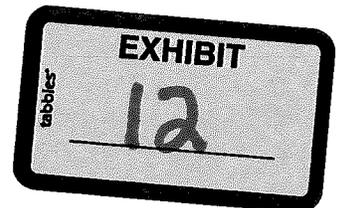
PRINCIPAL REGISTER

EDUCATIONAL LIBERTY (WASHINGTON SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP)  
1210 E NORTH STREET  
BELLINGHAM, WA 98226

FOR: CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, GUIDANCE AND MONITORING FOR CHILDREN PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 VIA THE INTERNET; COMPUTER EDUCATION TRAINING SERVICES; CONSULTATION IN THE FIELD OF K-12 EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS; CONTINUING EDUCATION SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING LIVE AND ON-LINE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SEMINARS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION; DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL MANUALS FOR OTHERS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION; DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS OF OTHERS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION; EDITORIAL CONSULTATION; EDUCATING AT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS; EDUCATION SERVICES, NAMELY, MENTORING IN THE FIELD OF LIBERAL ARTS; EDUCATION SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE (K-12) CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION; EDUCATION SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING LIVE AND ON-LINE CLASSES IN THE FIELD OF LIBERAL ARTS; EDUCATION SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING ON-LINE CLASSES IN THE FIELD OF LIBERAL ARTS; EDUCATION SERVICES, NAMELY, TRAINING EDUCATORS TO TEACH THROUGH SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND PROVIDING CURRICULA IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING MOTIVATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS IN THE FIELD OF SELF- AND PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT; EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING SERVICES TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR FURTHER EDUCATION; EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN THE NATURE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS; EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, NAMELY, CONDUCTING DISTANCE LEARNING INSTRUCTION AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL; EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, NAMELY, DEVELOPING CURRICULUM FOR EDUCATORS; EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING A LEARNING AND INNOVATION CENTER FEATURING FULLY CUSTOMIZED LEADERSHIP, MOTIVATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND BRAINSTORMING TRAINING; EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES IN THE FIELD OF CONTEMPLATIVE EDUCATION; EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING ONLINE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL AND DISTRIBUTION OF COURSE MATERIAL IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING WEB-BASED AND CLASSROOM TRAINING FOR CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS AND



*Lea Stettin*  
Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office



**Reg. No. 4,375,606** PRINCIPALS; PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT EDUCATION, IN CLASS 41 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 107).

FIRST USE 5-1-2012; IN COMMERCE 5-1-2012.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "EDUCATIONAL", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SER. NO. 85-792,411, FILED 12-1-2012.

MICHAEL KEATING, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

Int. Cl.: 16

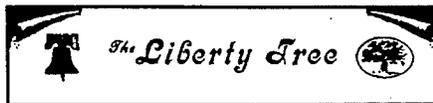
Prior U.S. Cl.: 38

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 1,679,329

Registered Mar. 17, 1992

TRADEMARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER



CASEY, JAMES A., JR. (UNITED STATES CITIZEN), DBA LIBERTY TREE PRESS  
R.F.D. #1 - BOX 116A  
TOWN RD. #23 - WESTMORE  
BARTON, VT 05822

FOR: NEWSLETTERS DEALING WITH LONG-TERM SURVIVAL PLANNING, PERSONAL SECURITY, EVALUATIONS OF PRODUCTS, BOOK REVIEWS, CIVIL DEFENSE, SELF-SUFFICIENCY, INTERNATIONAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC, GEO-POLITICAL TRENDS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, EMPHASIZED BY AN OVERVIEW OF BIBLE PROPHECY, IN CLASS 16 (U.S. CL. 38).

FIRST USE 0-0-1976; IN COMMERCE 3-0-1981.

THE LINING SHOWN IN THE DRAWING IS A FEATURE OF THE MARK AND DOES NOT INDICATE COLOR. THE STIPPLING SHOWN IN THE DRAWING IS A FEATURE OF THE MARK AND DOES NOT INDICATE COLOR.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF THE WORDS "THE LIBERTY TREE" WITH THE DESIGN OF A LIBERTY BELL ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE WORDS AND A DESIGN OF A WIDE-SPREADING OAK TREE TO THE RIGHT OF THE WORDS, ENCLOSED WITHIN A SOLID LINE-RULED BLOCK, WITH DESIGNS OF PAPER SCROLLED ON THE UPPER EDGES.

SER. NO. 74-046,566, FILED 4-6-1990.

DAVID C. REIHNER, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



Int. Cl.: 16

Prior U.S. Cls.: 2, 5, 22, 23, 29, 37, 38 and 50

Reg. No. 2,287,617

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Registered Oct. 19, 1999

**TRADEMARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER**



LIBERTY COUNSEL (FLORIDA CORPORATION)  
PO BOX 540774  
ORLANDO, FL 32854

FOR: EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, NAMELY, BOOKS, BROCHURES AND INFORMATIONAL FLIERS FEATURING INFORMATION ON RELIGION, CIVIL LIBERTIES, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AS IT RELATES TO RELIGION, CIVIL LIBERTIES, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, IN CLASS 16 (U.S. CLS. 2, 5, 22, 23, 29, 37, 38 AND 50).

FIRST USE 1-1-1990; IN COMMERCE 1-1-1990.

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NO. 1,803,231.

THE LINING IS A FEATURE OF THE MARK AND NOT INTENDED TO INDICATE COLOR.

THE MARK CONSISTS, IN PART, OF A DESIGN OF A LIBERTY BELL WITH THE ROMAN NUMERALS "MDCLII", REPRESENTING THE NUMBER 15, 153, AND THE LETTERS "HLAD" ENGRAVED ON THE BODY OF THE BELL.

SER. NO. 75-517,208, FILED 7-6-1998.

JODI LAUTERBACH, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



Int. Cl.: 41

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101 and 107

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 3,645,491

Registered June 30, 2009

SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER

EXPLORING LIBERTY

INSTITUTE FOR HUMANE STUDIES (D.C. NON-  
PROFIT ORGANIZATION)

3301 N. FAIRFAX DRIVE; SUITE 440  
ARLINGTON, VA 22201

FOR: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, NAMELY, DE-  
VELOPING, ARRANGING, AND CONDUCTING  
CLASSES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, AND CON-  
FERENCES IN THE FIELDS OF PHILOSOPHY,  
POLICY, HISTORY, ECONOMICS, LAW, LITERA-  
TURE, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND DISTRI-  
BUTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS IN

CONNECTION THEREWITH, IN CLASS 41 (U.S.  
CLS. 100, 101 AND 107).

FIRST USE 1-1-2006; IN COMMERCE 1-1-2006.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHAR-  
ACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR  
FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

SER. NO. 77-306,473, FILED 10-17-2007.

RENEE MCCRAY, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



Int. Cl.: 16

Prior U.S. Cls.: 2, 5, 22, 23, 29, 37, 38 and 50

Reg. No. 2,989,691

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Registered Aug. 30, 2005

TRADEMARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER



FREEDOM NETWORK, INC. (COLORADO CORPORATION)  
12 BROADWAY, SUITE 201  
DENVER, CO 80203

THE COLORS GREEN AND BROWN APPEAR IN THE ELM TREE IMAGE WITHIN THE LOGO, IN THE LEAVES AND THE TRUNK RESPECTIVELY.

FOR: EDUCATIONAL BOOKS ON GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS, IN CLASS 16 (U.S. CLS. 2, 5, 22, 23, 29, 37, 38 AND 50).

THE MARK CONSISTS OF AN ELM TREE EN-CIRCLED BY THE WORDS "FREEDOM NETWORK WHERE LIBERTY DWELLS."

FIRST USE 5-15-2004; IN COMMERCE 5-16-2004.

SER. NO. 78-445,852, FILED 7-4-2004.

THE COLORS GREEN AND BROWN ARE CLAIMED AS A FEATURE OF THE MARK.

ANNE E. GUSTASON, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



Int. Cl.: 16

Prior U.S. Cls.: 2, 5, 22, 23, 29, 37, 38 and 50

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 2,853,680

Registered June 15, 2004

**TRADEMARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

**LIBERTY BELL PUBLICATIONS**

LIBERTY BELL PUBLICATIONS (SOUTH CAROLINA SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP)  
PO BOX 890  
655 SANDIFER RD  
YORK, SC 29745

FIRST USE 1-1-1973; IN COMMERCE 1-1-1973.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "PUBLICATIONS", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

FOR: SERIES OF NONO FICTION BOOKS FEATURING ANTHROPOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY, POLITICS, RELIGION , IN CLASS 16 (U.S. CLS. 2, 5, 22, 23, 29, 37, 38 AND 50).

SER. NO. 78-236,605, FILED 4-11-2003.

DAWN FELDMAN, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



# United States of America

United States Patent and Trademark Office

## LIBERTY INSTITUTE

**Reg. No. 3,923,845**

**Registered Feb. 22, 2011**

**Int. Cl.: 45**

**SERVICE MARK**

**PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

LIBERTY INSTITUTE (TEXAS CORPORATION), AKA LIBERTY LEGAL INSTITUTE,  
2001 WEST PLANO PARKWAY, SUITE 1600  
PLANO, TX 75075

FOR: CHARITABLE LEGAL SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING CUSTOMIZED INFORMATION, COUNSELING, ADVICE, AND LITIGATION SERVICES IN ALL AREAS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS, IN CLASS 45 (U.S. CLS. 100 AND 101).

FIRST USE 11-19-2010; IN COMMERCE 11-19-2010.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NO. 3,633,837.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "INSTITUTE", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SN 77-809,646, FILED 8-20-2009.

MARY CRAWFORD, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



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Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office



Int. Cl.: 45

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100 and 101

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Reg. No. 3,633,837

Registered June 9, 2009

**SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

## Liberty Legal Institute

LIBERTY LEGAL INSTITUTE (TEXAS COR-  
PORATION)  
SUITE 230  
903 E. 18TH STREET  
PLANO, TX 75074

FOR: CHARITABLE LEGAL SERVICES, NAME-  
LY, PROVIDING CUSTOMIZED INFORMATION,  
COUNSELING, ADVICE AND LITIGATION SERVI-  
CES IN ALL AREAS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM  
AND FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS, IN CLASS 45  
(U.S. CLS. 100 AND 101).

FIRST USE 7-24-1997; IN COMMERCE 7-24-1997.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHAR-  
ACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR  
FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE  
RIGHT TO USE "LEGAL INSTITUTE", APART  
FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SER. NO. 77-418,450, FILED 3-11-2008.

ERIN FALK, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



**Int. Cl.: 41**

**Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101 and 107**

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

**Reg. No. 2,499,711**

**Registered Oct. 23, 2001**

**SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

**LADY LIBERTY**

GOALS FOR AMERICANS FOUNDATION (MISSOURI CORPORATION)  
11100 LINPAGE PLACE  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63132

AND PROSPERITY THROUGH THEIR LEADERSHIP, INITIATIVE AND VISION, IN CLASS 41 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 107).

FOR: AWARDS TO PERSONS DEMONSTRATING EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELDS OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NATIONAL SECURITY AND WORLD PEACE, NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, PROMOTING DEMOCRACY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND WORKING FOR PEACE

FIRST USE 12-15-1999; IN COMMERCE 12-15-1999.

SER. NO. 75-893,829, FILED 1-8-2000.

JANICE L. MCMORROW, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



# United States of America

United States Patent and Trademark Office

## Retirement Liberty

**Reg. No. 4,056,482**

HUTTO, ANGELA (UNITED STATES INDIVIDUAL)  
1109 CHEEK SPARGER RD, STE 150  
COLLEYVILLE, TX 76034

**Registered Nov. 15, 2011**

**Int. Cl.: 36**

FOR: FINANCIAL PLANNING, IN CLASS 36 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 102).

**SERVICE MARK**

FIRST USE 1-1-2010; IN COMMERCE 1-1-2010.

**PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "RETIREMENT", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SER. NO. 85-310,623, FILED 5-3-2011.

LESLEY LAMOTHE, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



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Int. Cl.: 36

Prior U.S. Cls.: 101 and 102

**United States Patent and Trademark Office** Reg. No. 1,760,218  
Registered Mar. 23, 1993

SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER

# Liberty InfoLine

BANKS OF MID-AMERICA, INC. (DELAWARE  
CORPORATION)  
100 NORTH BROADWAY  
P.O. BOX 25848  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73125

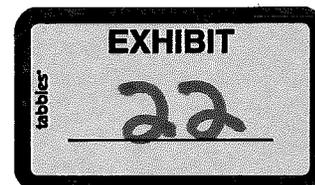
FOR: FINANCIAL INFORMATION SERV-  
ICES BY TELEPHONE RECORDING, IN CLASS  
36 (U.S. CLS. 101 AND 102).

FIRST USE 7-29-1990; IN COMMERCE  
8-3-1990.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE  
RIGHT TO USE "INFOLINE" , APART FROM  
THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SER. NO. 74-090,452, FILED 8-23-1990.

M. E. BODSON, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



Int. Cl.: 36

Prior U.S. Cl.: 102

**United States Patent and Trademark Office** Reg. No. 1,781,722  
Registered July 13, 1993

**SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

**THE LIBERTY FREEDOM ACCOUNT**

LIBERTY SAVINGS BANK FSB (GEORGIA  
CORPORATION)  
201 SECOND STREET  
MACON, GA 31297

FOR: BANKING SERVICES; NAMELY, A  
PACKAGE OF BANKING AND FINANCIAL  
SERVICES TARGETED FOR A SPECIFIC  
CLIENT BASE, IN CLASS 36 (U.S. CL. 102).

FIRST USE 4-24-1991; IN COMMERCE  
4-25-1991.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE  
RIGHT TO USE "ACCOUNT", APART FROM  
THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SER. NO. 74-212,251, FILED 10-15-1991.

RONALD R. SUSSMAN, EXAMINING ATTOR-  
NEY



Int. Cl.: 36

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101 and 102

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 3,384,861

Registered Feb. 19, 2008

SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER

**National Liberty**

1ST LIBERTY SERVICE CORPORATION (ILLINOIS CORPORATION)  
313 S. WESTMORE-MEYERS ROAD  
LOMBARD, IL 60148

FOR: CREDIT CONSULTATION; FINANCIAL PLANNING, NAMELY, THE CREATION OF PERSONALIZED STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE, IN CLASS 36 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 102).

FIRST USE 6-1-2007; IN COMMERCE 6-1-2007.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "NATIONAL", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF THE WORD NATIONAL FOLLOWED BY THE WORD LIBERTY, ALL ON THE SAME LINE, WITH THE "L" IN THE WORD LIBERTY INCLUDING A SUPERIMPOSED BUST OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY.

SER. NO. 77-214,780, FILED 6-25-2007.

PETER B. BROMAGHIM, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



Int. Cl.: 36

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101 and 102

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 2,905,183

Registered Nov. 23, 2004

SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER

Liberty Corner

LIBERTY CORNER CASH MANAGEMENT, LLC  
(DELAWARE LTD LIAB CO)  
47 MAPLE STREET SUITE 101  
SUMMIT, NJ 07901

FOR: FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT SERVICES, NAMELY, INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES; INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES; ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES; INVESTING THE FUNDS OF OTHERS THROUGH POOLED INVESTMENT FUNDS AND SEPARATELY MANAGED INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS; FORMATION, OFFERING AND MANAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS; SECURITIES LENDING

AGENCY AND SECURITIES BROKERAGE SERVICES, IN CLASS 36 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 102).

FIRST USE 2-25-1999; IN COMMERCE 2-25-1999.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

SER. NO. 78-331,234, FILED 11-21-2003.

GEORGIA CARTY, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



# United States of America

United States Patent and Trademark Office

## LIBERTY HARBOR

**Reg. No. 3,752,632** GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. (NEW YORK LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)  
Registered Feb. 23, 2010 85 BROAD STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

**Int. Cl.: 36** FOR: FINANCIAL SERVICES, NAMELY, INVESTMENT FUNDS; COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT FUND MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND ADVISORY SERVICES; FINANCIAL INVESTMENT AND ASSET ADVISORY SERVICES; FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, ANALYSIS, AND RESEARCH SERVICES, IN CLASS 36 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 102).  
**SERVICE MARK**  
**PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

FIRST USE 6-5-2007; IN COMMERCE 6-5-2007.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

SN 77-070,735, FILED 12-22-2006.

REBECCA POVARCHUK, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



*David J. Kappas*

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office



Int. Cl.: 36

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101 and 102

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Reg. No. 2,945,891

Registered May 3, 2005

**SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

**HOME LIBERTY**

HOMES LIBERTY, LLC (OHIO LTD LIAB CO)  
2545 HILLIARD ROME ROAD, SUITE 222  
HILLIARD, OH 43026

FIRST USE 6-1-2003; IN COMMERCE 6-1-2003.

FOR: MORTGAGE BANKING; INSURANCE SERVICES, NAMELY, INSURANCE UNDERWRITING IN THE FIELDS OF MORTGAGE PROTECTION INSURANCE, HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE, AUTO INSURANCE, LIFE INSURANCE, DISABILITY INSURANCE, HEALTH INSURANCE, AND LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE; FINANCIAL PLANNING, IN CLASS 36 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 102).

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE HOME, APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SER. NO. 78-280,161, FILED 7-29-2003.

PRISCILLA MILTON, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



Int. Cl.: 36

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101 and 102

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 3,219,464

Registered Mar. 20, 2007

SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER



LIBERTY REVERSE MORTGAGE INCORPORATED (CALIFORNIA CORPORATION)  
3620 FAIR OAKS BLVD SUITE 300  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95864

FOR: PROVIDING FINANCIAL CONSULTATION  
IN THE FIELD OF REVERSE LOANS, IN CLASS 36  
(U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 102).

FIRST USE 11-1-2003; IN COMMERCE 11-1-2003.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE  
RIGHT TO USE REVERSE MORTGAGE, APART  
FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

THE COLORS RED, WHITE AND BLUE ARE  
CLAIMED AS A FEATURE OF THE MARK.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF A RED TEARDROP  
ABOVE THE LETTER I CONTAINING A WHITE  
STAR AND THE WORDS LIBERTY REVERSE  
MORTGAGE, THE WORDS APPEARING IN BLUE.

SER. NO. 78-643,113, FILED 6-3-2005.

MIDGE BUTLER, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



# United States of America

United States Patent and Trademark Office

## LIBERTY'S LEGACY

**Reg. No. 4,353,606**

**Registered June 18, 2013**

**Int. Cl.: 41**

**SERVICE MARK**

**PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

LIBERTY'S LEGACY, LLC (ALABAMA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)  
SUITE 101  
1015 AIRPORT ROAD  
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35802

FOR: EDUCATION SERVICES, NAMELY, CONDUCTING PATRIOTIC CLASSES IN THE FIELD OF CHARACTER-BUILDING, FINANCIAL LITERACY AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT COMPONENTS THAT ARE THE FOUNDATION FOR PROUD, RESPONSIBLE AND OUTSTANDING CITIZENS, IN CLASS 41 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 107).

FIRST USE 9-1-2009; IN COMMERCE 9-1-2009.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

SER. NO. 85-758,706, FILED 10-19-2012.

ALEXANDER L. POWERS, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



*Kevin Staret*  
Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

