

**Amateur Radio Legal Defense and Assistance Committee
(ARLDAC)
Report to the Board
July 20, 2018**

Since January's meeting, there has been no activity for the ARLDAC. Therefore, the following constitutes a summary of the ARLDAC's current position:

1. New legislation and regulations concerning CC&Rs and HOAs

The Amateur Radio Parity Act was passed by the House as part of the Defense Appropriations Act. The Act is currently in the Conference Committee pending a further resolution. Once the Conference Committee issues its resolution, we will be prepared to proceed based upon the outcome obtained.

Staff reports that there is nothing of note occurring on the state level with PRB-1 type legislation.

2. General upgrading of materials that are made available to hams

We have requests out to several people who may be able to supply us with some updated support materials in connection with local antenna restrictive CC&Rs and HOAs. This item requires some follow-up by the Committee.

We have a couple of other initiatives that the Committee should pursue:

- An up-to-date analysis of the effect of Ham radio towers on property values
- Some updated statistics on just how many hams face what sorts of limitations
- A review of nationwide "hands-free" legislation affecting Ham radio operation

3. Current litigation

The DePolo case appears to be over. The matter was before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on a motion to grant certiorari (i.e., the court had been asked to hear the appeal) which was denied.

There is no current, updated information on the Landstein case (Legrange, NY), into which this Committee had invested some funds.

4. Financials – Legal Research and Resource Fund

Balance 12/31/17	\$ 191,900
Contributions	6,993
Expenditures (legal analysis costs)	0
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Current balance	\$ 198,893

Contributions continues to come in for antenna defense, and we do have an obligation to use it to further the cause. Hopefully, there will be more opportunities to do more of this in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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