

**RIGHT TO WRITE FUND**  
**A Program of the Center for Ethics in Action**

**2008 Mission Statement**

The Right to Write Fund is formed to be an educational repository and clearinghouse for the 21st century freedom of expression and “fair use” issues writers and publishers encounter when moving between the worlds of print, internet, film, the fine arts and new media. The Fund will collect and disseminate legal briefs, facts and analyses as well as literary and media accounts of copyright, trademark and other intellectual property statutes in order to define first amendment rights in a technological age.

The Fund will promulgate and protect the democratic values of our founding fathers – free speech, the freedom to write, fairness, openness and honesty – while establishing the ground rules for future artistic expression.

**Goals**

1. To raise money for a Right to Write Defense Fund to cover legal expenses in the J.K. Rowling and Warner Bros. injunction and other possible legal actions against RDR Books.
2. To use additional funds raised to create a Right to Write clearinghouse and provide future resources for the Mission stated above.

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