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**Council of Conservative Citizens [COFCC] to protest speaking engagement
by discredited Civil Rights lawyer, and founder/front-man of the Southern Poverty
Law Center [SPLC], Morris Dees at University of South Carolina.**

Charleston, SC - February 20th, 2006 - Critics from across the political spectrum have accused Morris Dees of being more interested in generating revenue than fighting for Civil Rights. The Majority of the money raised is spent on outrageous salaries, constant fundraising, or hoarded.

In 1994 the Montgomery Advertiser ran an eight-part exposé on Dees. The series involved three year of research and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. The paper found that the SPLC spent as little as 18%, and no more than 31%, on actual programs in any given year. The center had never had any blacks in management and very rarely hired any black lawyers or employees. Despite claims of fighting for the rights of blacks.

A 2003 article in the Virginia Fairfax Journal reported that the SPLC spent 11 cents of the dollar on actual programs in the previous year.

Every single major charity watch group flunks the SPLC. Since most nonprofits spend over 75% on programs, the SPLC is way below average.

Millard Fuller, former Dees business partner and founder of Habitat for Humanity, says Dees is motivated by an “overriding purpose of making a pile of money.”

The CofCC will be protesting Morris Dees along Assembly Road in front of the Kroger Center for the Arts, on the University of South Carolina campus in Columbia, SC, Monday February 27th between 7:30 PM and 8:30 PM. Dees will begin speaking at the center at 8:00 PM.

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