



The ACLU of Alabama and ACLU of Alabama Foundation

- The ACLU of Alabama (ACLU-AL) was founded in 1965 and is the only organization in Alabama dedicated solely to protecting the Constitutional rights and liberties of every individual in the state
- Since the establishment of the affiliate, the organization has created a trail of reform in government institutions and a body of law that has protected and expanded the civil rights and civil liberties of Alabamians, including the rights of children, minorities and the poor. (Examples of our work are on the next page.)
- The ACLU-AL works primarily in the courts and through public education. When resources permit, we also monitor the Legislature and lobby against bills that threaten Constitutional rights.
- We receive approximately 1,000 requests for legal help a year. Our small staff and volunteer attorneys handle an average of four to five cases per year directly and provide assistance in many more. Throughout much of the organization's history, the Legal Docket has included long-running major impact litigation aimed at the complete overhaul of government facilities and programs.
- We have a permanent staff of 2.5: an Executive Director, an Office Manager and a part-time Office Assistant. We have recently hired our first Staff Attorney and are raising funds to secure that position.
- The ACLU membership in Alabama is approximately 2,000. The affiliate has experienced unprecedented growth since 9/11.
- The ACLU-AL and ACLU-AL Foundation are governed by a working statewide Board of 21 members.
- We are effective because:
 - We play by the rules. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights, America's original civic values and our nation's pride, guide all of our work.
 - We are experienced advocates: We have been working to defend and preserve freedom and liberty in Alabama more than 40 years.
 - We serve everyone. The ACLU of Alabama defends the Constitutional rights of women and men of every race and every ethnicity in Alabama. Ample critics of our work on both the liberal and conservative side of the fence confirm our faithfulness to this principle.
 - Our members and supporters are steadfast. The ACLU of Alabama could not fulfill its mission without the generosity and commitment to democracy of our members, donors and volunteers.