



When federal agents targeted the stores of innocent Somali merchants in south Seattle, ACLU attorneys won compensation for the wrongful raid. When police prevented peaceful demonstrators from wearing buttons and carrying signs during WTO, the ACLU challenged the free speech restrictions in court.

For these and other cases, the ACLU works with pro bono lawyers who share our commitment to freedom and fairness.

EXCITING WORK, CUTTING-EDGE ISSUES Fighting for civil liberties is exciting work. For more than 85 years, ACLU cases have set precedents, shaped policies, and reaffirmed constitutional principles. The ACLU of Washington has won precedent-setting cases involving student speech on the Internet, Grant County's inadequate public defense system, and the state's former music censorship law.

Among our 40-plus active cases, we represent an Iraqi political refugee living in Kent who was unlawfully arrested by federal authorities and 11 same-sex couples who are awaiting a Washington Supreme Court ruling on marriage. We recently argued before the state Supreme

Court against warrantless collection of DNA by police, and submitted FOIAs on behalf of a number of peace groups.

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VOLUNTEER LAWYERS, ACTIVE SUPPORTERS

Volunteer lawyers are integral to our efforts. Attorneys from firms both large and small litigate ACLU cases, write amicus briefs, analyze legislative proposals, and speak before community groups. They are among the half-million ACLU members and supporters who help protect freedom.

We invite you to work on inspiring civil liberties cases with our dedicated team. **Aaron Caplan** is a 2006 Washington Super Lawyer, and Legislative Director **Jennifer Shaw** has been named a Rising Star and a Super Lawyer. Harvard Law graduate **Nancy Talner** is our specialist in criminal due

process and administrative regulations. **Doug Klunder**, alumnus of Microsoft and the UW Law School and another Rising Star, leads our privacy and technology project. **Andy Ko** and **Alison Chinn Holcomb** spearhead our work on drug policy reform.

The Bill of Rights would only be well-meaning promises if people did not fight to protect it. Freedom can't protect itself. It takes a lot of time, resources, and dedicated volunteers. We are determined to make the promise of the Bill of Rights a reality for all people in America.

In each generation, people of conscience step forward to ensure that liberty survives. Join us.



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