

ACLU Ohio

Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

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Mission Statement

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The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio is headquartered at the Max Wohl Civil Liberties Center in Cleveland. The organization also maintains a regional office in Columbus.

The Ohio ACLU has received numerous awards over the years for its cutting-edge work defending civil liberties, including:

The ACLU of Ohio is an affiliate of the national ACLU. Founded in 1920, the national ACLU includes more than 500,000 members in all 50 states, making it our country's foremost advocate of individual rights.

The ACLU of Ohio has nearly 30,000 members and supporters statewide.

We are supported by annual dues and contributions from supporters, as well as grants from private foundations. We do not receive any government funding.

Through education, litigation, and lobbying the ACLU seeks to preserve civil liberties for each new generation.

Because the ACLU has a limited budget and staff, it is impossible to represent every person whose civil liberties have been violated. Instead, the organization tries to select cases which will impact the greatest number of people -- those cases which have the potential to break new ground or establish new precedents to strengthen our freedoms.

To champion and expand constitutional and other fundamental rights and to pursue racial, economic, gender, and social equity for all Ohioans using all the tools of integrated advocacy without political partisanship; to fight in both principle and practice for the best ideals of fairness, freedom, and justice; and to advance our mission through an anti-racist, intersectional lens with determination, agility, practicality, and hope.

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[**Active Civil Liberties Leaders in Ohio**](#)

[**In Memory: Tributes to Past Civil Liberties Leaders**](#)

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