



Volunteer Attorneys/Legal Fellowship Positions Available In Las Vegas

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The ACLU of Nevada (ACLUN) has volunteer positions in Las Vegas starting in September of 2010 for volunteer attorneys/ legal fellows who have a demonstrated commitment to public interest work and/or civil rights and civil liberties and are able to volunteer full-time for three months to a year. The ACLUN is an affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, a national nonprofit organization devoted to the protection of civil liberties and civil rights. A statewide non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. and Nevada Constitutions, the ACLUN works on a broad range of civil rights and civil liberties issues, including but not limited to free speech, election protection, drug law reform, prisoners' rights, immigrant rights, the rights of the homeless, police accountability, criminal justice reform, and GLBT rights. Because Las Vegas is a big city with a small legal community, and Nevada is such a unique state, positions with the ACLUN offer many opportunities to get deeply involved in civil liberties advocacy. For more information about the ACLUN's work, please visit www.aclunv.org.

The Positions: Volunteer Attorneys will participate as part of the Legal Department, under the supervision of the Staff Attorney. The Legal Department consists of one General Counsel, two attorneys, and one paralegal. The tasks for Volunteer Attorneys in will vary depending on level of experience and will include screening and developing cases and participating in litigation. In addition, Volunteer Attorneys will help to advance the ACLU's agenda through non-litigation advocacy which may include public education, organizing, participation in coalitions and serving as an ACLUN spokesperson. Volunteer Attorneys may specialize in one or more substantive areas, such as prison issues, immigration advocacy, or First Amendment litigation, during their tenure at the ACLUN. For example, our 2009 Fall Volunteer Attorney focused on First Amendment litigation and argued in court, helping to protect high school students' rights to participate in productions of the Laramie Project and Rent.

Timing/Pay: We are accepting applications for full time volunteer employment for three months to one year with the goal of hiring Volunteer Attorneys for positions beginning in September 2010. The ACLUN will not provide pay or benefits but Volunteer Attorneys will be covered by the ACLUN's malpractice insurance. The positions will be open until filled.

To Apply: Applicants are requested to send one copy of their cover letter, resume, writing sample and list of references to: shauntee@aclunv.org. Applicants should indicate the time commitment they are able to make; what, if any, subject areas are of particular interest.

The ACLU of Nevada is an equal opportunity organization and encourages applications from women, people of color, persons with disabilities, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals.

"The strength of the Constitution lies entirely in the determination of each citizen to defend it."

-- Albert Einstein