

Volunteer Legal Fellowship

The ACLU of Michigan is accepting applications from judicial law clerks and recent law graduates to work as an ACLU fellow on cutting edge civil liberties and civil rights cases. The ACLU litigates high impact, high profile cases addressing a wide range of constitutional issues, including: freedom of speech and religion, police misconduct, voting rights, right to counsel and due process, privacy rights, reproductive freedom, education reform, and the rights of people of color, women, LGBT persons, immigrants and prisoners. While this position is unpaid, it offers a unique opportunity to gain experience working with leading civil liberties attorneys on exciting and rewarding cases in a supportive environment. Positions are available in the Detroit and Grand Rapids offices.

Responsibilities:

ACLU fellows will be given significant responsibility working on ongoing cases and developing new cases. Such responsibilities include: drafting memoranda addressing the merits of potential cases, meeting with and interviewing plaintiffs and witnesses, drafting complaints and briefs, assisting with discovery and/or analyzing the constitutionality of pending legislation. Fellows who are admitted to practice in any state may have the opportunity to argue motions in federal court.

Qualifications:

- Must have a demonstrated commitment to civil liberties and civil rights.
- Must have exceptional research and writing skills.
- Must have a J.D.

Supervision:

Fellows are supervised by the legal director and staff attorneys. Fellows may also have the opportunity to work with our executive director, legislative director, Racial Justice Project staff attorney, LGBT Project staff attorney, cooperating attorneys and/or attorneys from the National ACLU.

Outside funding:

Unfortunately, the ACLU does not have the resources to make this a paid position. However, past fellows have received funding through their law schools and other outside sources. Applicants are encouraged to contact the public interest or career resources office of their law school about potential funding opportunities.

Applications:

Please email or send cover letter, resume and writing sample to:

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To learn more about the ACLU of Michigan, go to www.aclumich.org. The ACLU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. All interested individuals, including people of color, women, LGBT persons and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.