

The ACLU of Georgia: Because Freedom Can't Defend Itself

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American Civil Liberties Union

- Founded in 1920, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization of people working to defend and extend the principles of the Bill of Rights for all people in America
- Working in the courts, legislatures, and communities to defend and preserve the basic liberties guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution & Bill of Rights
- Comprised of 52 State affiliates, with over 500,000 members

ACLU of Georgia

- Created to advance the cause of civil liberties in Georgia with emphasis on the rights of free speech, free press, free assembly, freedom of religion, due process of law and to take all legitimate action in the furtherance of such purposes without partisanship.
- A statewide membership organization open to all people who support our aims; currently with over 6,000 card-carrying members
- Under the leadership of Debbie Seagraves, Executive Director
- Staffed by 6 persons in Legal, Legislative, Community Organizing, Fundraising, and Administrative Departments

United States Constitution

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The Bill of Rights

- Right to Freedom of Speech, Press, Assembly
- Right to Bear Arms
- Government Cannot Force you to Quarter Soldiers
- No Unreasonable Search and Seizure
- Right to Due Process
- Right to a Speedy, Public Trial
- Right to Trial By Jury
- Right to Non-excessive Bail, nor Cruel and Unusual Punishment
- Right to Other Protections Not Stated in the Bill of Rights
- Powers Not Delegated to the Federal Government in the Constitution are Reserved for the States

How You Can Help

- Historically, the ACLU of Georgia served as Georgia's pre-eminent organization devoted to the protection of civil liberties and civil rights
- Recently, Georgia has experienced devastating assaults on their civil liberties
- You can help counter the growing threats to fundamental freedoms—including personal privacy and the freedoms of speech, association and religion—and defend liberty and justice by supporting our work
 - Please become a part of our community organizing efforts
 - Please become a card-carrying member
 - Please make a tax-deductible contribution today



Statewide Action Team

The Statewide Action Team (SWAT) is a volunteer group dedicated to increasing the ACLU of GA's public education and activism role in defending and preserving the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

The SWAT trains volunteers to:

- Participate in civic dialogue
- Increase the political power of Georgians, and
- Play an active role in shaping public policy

Through:

- Encouraging communication with policy makers
- Mobilizing the public around civil liberties and civil rights