
ACLU of Oregon Summer Newsletter

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Happy summer, Oregon!

If you attended a Pride event across the state, you may have seen our team members, partners, and volunteers trying to keep cool while collecting the first round

of signatures for the [Equal Rights for All campaign](#), which we launched earlier this summer! This ballot measure campaign will affirm the right to abortion, contraception and IVF, transgender healthcare, and same-gender marriage in the Oregon Constitution. We are now one step closer to making it onto the November 2026 ballot!

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Relatedly, we took a stand against LGBTQ+ discrimination this summer. [We took a company, Grifols, to court](#) for banning gay and bisexual men from donating plasma at their Oregon centers. Grifols enforced this blanket ban even though our legal client had a negative blood test for sexually transmitted infections, had no history of such infections, and the center tests donated plasma for diseases.

Our legal team also filed a lawsuit just this week, [suing the Medford Police Department](#) for routinely spying and keeping records on social justice activists. Illegal surveillance practices like this have chilling impacts on free speech and have been prohibited in Oregon law for decades.

We also have an important update about the work we started three years ago. In 2021, [we demanded an investigation](#) into Oregon's public defense agency – the Oregon Public Defense Commission (OPDC) – after receiving multiple reports of gender-based retaliation and discrimination against women public defense attorneys. After repeatedly asking for the investigation report, we finally received it this August. The investigator hired by the state found that the facts substantiated several women attorneys' concerns about retaliation by Eric Deitrick, General Counsel for OPDC. We are seeking answers from the State of Oregon as to why Deitrick continues to be General Counsel at OPDC.

Keep exploring this [newsletter](#) and discover more about our new Development Director and Litigation Manager, our work this summer, and how the ACLU is preparing for the fall. No matter the results of the November elections or who is on the U.S. Supreme Court, the ACLU of Oregon team will continue doing the hard work to create a more just, equitable, and caring democracy in our state.

In gratitude,

Amy Hojnowski
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