

The ACLU of Nevada (ACLUN), an affiliate of the National American Civil Union, is a dynamic civil liberties nonprofit with offices in Las Vegas and Reno. ACLUN's Vegas office is seeking a summer extern to assist with all aspects of litigation and civil rights advocacy. Currently, ACLUN's docket includes a number of Ninth Circuit appeals and cases in active litigation in the United States District Court of Nevada. Cases involve issues ranging from a free speech case asserting the rights of brothel owners and publications to advertise legal brothels to a case involving a former Vice Squad police officer who is an Orthodox Jew and wants to be able to wear a beard and yarmulke in his current desk job. ACLUN is also an active player in state court in Nevada. It currently has a death penalty case in front of the Nevada Supreme Court, and is often sought as an amicus. For example, the Nevada Supreme Court recently requested an amicus brief from ACLUN in a juvenile justice case. The extern will have the opportunity to assist with many aspects of ACLUN's docket, including writing and attending court hearings. In addition, the extern will have the opportunity to be involved in the many other aspects of advocacy and outreach that the ACLUN is involved in. ACLUN works on lobbying efforts, media, and community outreach and education on civil liberties issues. For example, ACLUN has been a leader in efforts to reform Nevada's indigent defense system. With respect to the non-litigation work of the ACLUN, the extern will have the opportunity to assist with evaluating requests for assistance, factual investigations, and community outreach. ACLUN's Las Vegas office is downtown and is a fun and dynamic place to work. The extern will work directly with the staff attorney, as well as ACLUN's Executive Director and General Counsel.