WHERE WE’VE BEEN

ACLU-NM Successes & Accomplishments

After Sprin deferred medical treatment to an incarcerated woman suffering from serious mental health issues. The ACLU of New Mexico filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of the woman, the ACLU of New Mexico successfully advocated for a law that requires all state and local law enforcement agencies to have procedures in place to prevent and respond to instances of police brutality.

Following the tragic death of his only son, Nadeem Khan, the ACLU of New Mexico fast-tracked the 2020 regular legislative session to pass the New Mexico Civil Rights Act, creating a new standard for use of force in the state and protecting and expanding access to reproductive rights, dignity, and sovereignty of New Mexico women.

The ACLU of New Mexico filed a lawsuit on behalf of the family of Elba Lewis, a 20-year-old Albuquerque woman suffering from severe mental illness who was shot, killed by police.

The ACLU of New Mexico and cooperating attorneys filed a class action lawsuit against the State of New Mexico for failure to protect citizens from the deadly threat of coronavirus.

The ACLU of New Mexico settled a 2017 lawsuit against the Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Office after alleging mentally ill and incarcerated women were subjected to grossly inadequate treatment in Albuquerque’s local jails. The ACLU of New Mexico has been fighting for justice since the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The ACLU of New Mexico sued a former Western Touring Car Agency executive and his company where she was a top machinist, her coworkers had doubled down on their racial justice efforts to help protect the rights, dignity, and sovereignty of New Mexico’s Native tribes, people, and nations.

As Trump has continued his cruel and inhumane anti-immigrant and border policies, we’ve worked to reallocate resources to immigration courts to keep up with the demand for immigration services. The ACLU of New Mexico quickly emerged as the strongest advocate for protecting the health and lives of detained and incarcerated women, filing multiple lawsuits to reduce the incarcerated population and to help ensure proper safety protocols were in place.

Our mission remains unchanged and our results undiminished. We owe a special thanks to members and supporters like you who made our work possible as we look toward the challenges and opportunities we will face in the years to come, and together we will build the more just society promised by the Constitution.

"We’re creating this piece Rio, I wanted to convey the rich beauty of our New Mexican community. This work was for the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico, but it was for many to read it is a gift. A gift for the loss of our innocence in generation after generation. In a time of turmoil, remembering our compassion for each other will be our light. Remembering the land beneath our feet will be our center. We will breathe, and we will rise."