

## Welcome to A Year in Trump's America

*We've Made it This Far, So What's Next?*

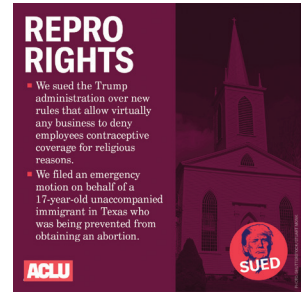
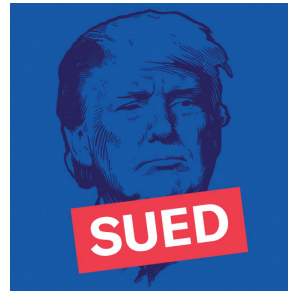
Last year's Winter edition of Connection opened with a statement from Anthony Romero, the executive director of the national ACLU. Anthony made a promise to President Donald Trump: "If you do not reverse course and instead endeavor to make (your) campaign promises a reality, you will have to contend with the full firepower of the ACLU at every step. Our staff of litigators and activists in every state, thousands of volunteers, and millions of card-carrying supporters are ready to fight against any encroachment on our cherished freedoms and rights."

### A Year in Review

The ACLU kept its promise. In the last year, we sued the Trump administration 56 times, filed four administrative complaints and submitted 49 demands for information on issues such as immigration, LGBT policy, reproductive rights, government oversight and voting.

The ACLU of Delaware focused on key issues as well: voting reform, criminal justice reform, LGBT rights in schools and reproductive rights. Our community engagement and public awareness efforts also expanded, to ensure that Delawareans understand their civil rights and to engage supporters in taking action.

One of the most important legislative victories we had this year was codifying the protections of *Roe v. Wade* into Delaware law. After partnering with Planned Parenthood in a campaign to provide options for Delaware women and families, we were able to overturn a law passed in 1953 that severely restricted a woman's access to abortion.



The most inspiring result of this year is the activism that has taken our country by storm. People of all ages, from all backgrounds, with all different views, passions and goals have come together and worked tirelessly to ensure that America pushes forward despite the tremendous obstacles we face at every turn.

This year the power of the activist movement and ACLU's firepower combined shot down the Muslim Travel Ban three times and prevented Congress from repealing or replacing

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## Executive Director's Notes

### We're Growing Because of Your Support



**Kathleen MacRae**  
*Executive Director*

It's been a year since the Presidential election and so far we've survived the whirlwind, if barely. The ACLU both nationally and locally has responded forcefully to the administration's assault on our rights and liberties and we've had quite a bit of success slowing down and pushing back against their agenda.

The other silver lining to Trump's election is your response. People throughout this country, including long-standing and new ACLU members, have joined the resistance. You have taken action and you've supported the ACLU and other critical organizations with your financial resources. Thank you! I feel more hopeful today than I did a year ago.

Amazingly, Delaware ACLU membership has more than tripled in the past year. We are now over 4,000 strong! To support that growth and to respond more fully to the civil liberties challenges here in Delaware, the professional capacity and staff of the organization has also grown. We've added a communications manager, Morgan Keller, and an operations and administrative coordinator (who is also a great organizer), Angela Walker Harris. Both Morgan and Angela will help ACLU-DE better connect with our membership and get you more involved in our work.

But adding staff isn't the only transition we're experiencing. In November, Legal Director Richard Morse moved from the ACLU to Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI). I can't overstate the impact Rich's seven years with the organization has had on our legal work. He directly improved the lives of thousands of Delawareans because he successfully brought lawsuits, wrote letters, reviewed state regulation and spoke to the media about our work in a new way.

Rich's successes range from small but important wins to game changing institutional policy transformation. Think the Baylor prison rape case win that has saved hundreds of women from sexual assault or the settlement of the solitary confinement case. Recall the decision in the Red Clay Consolidated School District voting case. Already, school tax referenda throughout the state follow election law and are fairer to all segments of the community.

Rich's work has also led to improved police training and accountability, fair treatment for transgender students and students with disabilities in school, and protection of free speech rights whether it be for pink hair, the confederate flag, speaking at a Sussex County Council meeting, Occupy Delaware or preventing a school from banning certain books. Thank you Rich! We look forward to seeing what you can accomplish next. 🌟

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the Affordable Care Act. Progressive candidates won elections around the country for positions in various levels of government on November 7, 2017 because activists endured and repudiated the Trump agenda.

**Looking Ahead**

One down, three to go. We've made a great amount of progress this year, but we are faced with the heavy reality that the Trump administration has a grip on our country for three more years.

As we move forward, the ACLU of Delaware will continue to be vigilant in fighting any threats posed to our freedoms and rights, but we can't do it alone.

The relationships that have been formed, renewed, and strengthened this year between organizations like the ACLU, Planned Parenthood and large and small political activist organizations need to continue to grow. We are all in this together and if we proceed as such, we will be an impenetrable front to whatever is thrown our way.

ACLU of Delaware will be reaching out to like-minded organizations state-wide to continue to build relationships and form a network that allows all of us to act swiftly and effectively as action items are presented that threaten our freedoms and rights. If you are interested in joining this network, please contact Morgan Keller at [mkeller@aclu-de.org](mailto:mkeller@aclu-de.org).

We, as Americans and Delawareans, need to stay involved, engaged and educated on the issues to ensure that our democracy is not undermined. We've gotten the ball rolling, and we need to keep pushing it.

American people need to stay involved, engaged, and educated to ensure that our democracy is not undermined. We've gotten the ball rolling, and we need to keep pushing it. ✊

**What made you choose this year to become a member of the ACLU?** **new donor spotlight**

**Adam Albright, Wilmington**

When the current president was elected, I was devastated. The ACLU's full-page ad in the New York Times two days after the election was a beacon of hope. I joined shortly after I saw it and did a guest bartending gig for one of their fundraisers.

**What gives you hope for the future of civil rights in America?** **Kay Hubbard, Lewes** **new donor spotlight**

I draw strength and hope from the millions of folks, from youngsters to our eldest elders, who are actively working within our communities and across the nation to prevent the rollback of rights that people struggled and died for. People who choose careers in leadership and in non-profit work, and those who volunteer alone or with others to support the work of those on the front line — I honor them and encourage others to join the Struggle.



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of the pictures  
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## 2017 ANNUAL KANDLER AWARDS MEMORIAL DINNER



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WHO HAVE MADE  
AN INDELIBLE MARK ON  
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# THE 2017 KANDLER DINNER WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT

*Our work is about more than just one person, one party or one issue.*

*Your generous support allows us to continue defending the constitutional rights of people who need our help.*

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## ACLU Gets A New Visual Identity

For nearly 100 years, the ACLU has worked in courts, legislatures and communities to protect the constitutional rights of all people. With a nationwide network of offices and millions of members and supporters, we take up the toughest civil liberties fights.

Like generations of changemakers before us, we are firm in our convictions. We make bold and

defiant statements, and we want them to be heard. Our new visual identity is bold, colorful and dynamic. It is an expression of who we are and how we want to change our country.

Over the next few months, we will continue transitioning to the new ACLU identity. Expect to see more exciting changes soon!



**What gives you hope for the future of civil rights in America?**

**Rabbi Yair Robinson, Wilmington**

Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of “the fierce urgency of now”, and I think we are living in a time where more and more people are awake to that urgency. In my tradition we have a saying by a rabbi named Hillel: “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? and if I am only for myself, what am I? and if not now, when?”

There is a generation of Americans coming of age now who understand Hillel’s words intuitively, which gives me hope.

**new donor spotlight**



# Case Docket



**Improper arrests.** We continue to pursue our class action lawsuit challenging false arrests carried out by the Wilmington Police Department. The department has a pattern of handcuffing people and transporting them to the police station without probable cause in violation of the Fourth Amendment, improperly classifying these arrestees as “two-hour” detentions under a decades-old statute concerning on-the-street stops. The Court held oral argument on our motion to certify the class on October 19.

**Free speech.** The Town of Milton settled our lawsuit brought on behalf of a homeowner who had been prevented from putting political signs in her yard by the Town’s unconstitutional sign law. The law prohibited the display of “political” signs except for the months preceding an election and for two weeks after, while allowing other signs year-round. The settlement follows the Town’s revision of the sign ordinance to meet our demand that the ordinance be corrected.

**Muslim Ban.** Together with the ACLU affiliates in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, we filed suit against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for failing to respond to our joint Freedom of Information Act request seeking records and

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## ACLU of Delaware Welcomes New Staff Meet Morgan and Angela, the Newest Team Members



**Morgan Keller**

*Communications Manager*

Morgan brings a strong background in graphic design, marketing, outreach, and advocacy to the ACLU of Delaware. Before relocating to the Wilmington area to fill this position, Morgan lived in Northeast PA.

Like countless others after Trump’s inauguration, Morgan felt compelled to use her skills to get involved in political activism. She became a founding board member of Action Together NEPA and helped the organization grow from

just a private Facebook group to a formidable 501(c)3, covering the entire Northeast Region of PA.

Morgan’s professional background also includes work in the victims’ services and media publications. fields. Morgan’s passions include graphic design, human rights, civic engagement, DIY projects, family, pizza, and pitbulls.

Morgan is excited to be able to use her skills as our Communications Manager, and looks forward to making connections across the state and being a part of fighting for the rights of all Delawareans. 🇺🇸

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**Angela Walker Harris**

*Operations & Administrative Coordinator*

Angela is a community leader, motivator, organizer and activist.

Prior to joining us at the ACLU of Delaware, Angela worked as the Lead Executive Assistant to the Honorable Thomas P. Gordon, New Castle County Executive.

Angela’s professional background also includes working as a Regional Accounts Manager for 24 years and over 30 years of volunteering in her community.

She is a co-founder of Delaware

Alliance for Community Advancement and Delawareans for Social and Economic Justice and past president/co-founder of Delaware ACORN. Angela also serves on the board of multiple organizations including American Federation of Musicians, local 21 and Leased Access Preservation Association/TV.

She obtained a B.S. degree in Human Services with a Criminal Justice concentration from Springfield College in Wilmington, DE, graduating cum laude.

Angela’s passions include a strong faith, family, politics, dancing, singing, laughing and playing chess. 🇺🇸

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# It's That Time of Year Again!

## Remember ACLU-DE in Your End-of-Year Giving

However you choose to contribute, your gift will make a powerful statement in defense of freedom. Hands down, the Trump administration presents the greatest challenge to our civil rights and liberties in a generation. We are grateful and humbled by the faith our donors have placed in the ACLU since the election, and we promise to continue to protect and defend our most cherished freedoms from anyone who might pose a threat to them. As the first year of the Trump presidency draws to a close, please consider making a

tax-deductible gift to ACLU-DE to sustain us in the fight for liberty here in the First State and nationwide.

Prefer to make a gift of stock? You can deduct the full, fair market value of a gift of stock that you have held for at least a year from your taxes, despite what you originally paid for it. Or perhaps an estate gift to the ACLU-DE better suits your financial plans.

Give now, and increase the impact of your gift. Take the Longwood Freedom & Justice Challenge: thanks to the generosity of the Longwood Foundation, once we reach our threshold, every gift to ACLU-DE is matched dollar-for-dollar!

Thank you for your support. For more information on giving, please contact Director of Development Dave Bever at (302) 654-5326, ext. 100 or via email at [dbever@aclu-de.org](mailto:dbever@aclu-de.org).



### CASE DOCKET, CONT. FROM PAGE 2

communications concerning CBP's local implementation of President Trump's January 27, 2017 Executive Order. The Department of Justice has now answered our complaint, and the case is proceeding in the Eastern District of Virginia.

**Police Militarization.** Our case on behalf of a quadriplegic woman and her husband who were terrorized by a state police assault team executing a search warrant against two alleged minor drug criminals is ongoing. Trial is scheduled for December 2017.

# FREE STICKERS?

Check Out the Back Page for More Information!

## SUSSEX COUNTY ACLU OF DE MEETING SERIES

Bi-Monthly  
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Dec. 7, 2017 at 5:30  
at FISH ON, Lewes

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What do you think is the greatest threat to our civil rights and liberties?

*Carolyn Shearin-Jones, Frankford*

In my view the greatest threats to all of our civil rights and liberties are those that threaten freedom of the press and speech. Without an independent, accurate press we can be hoodwinked by anything, and we are all witness to that working in our country today on a day by day basis. Truth matters, facts matter, and it is hard to imagine how we survive as a democracy without trusted sources of information. How do we debate, much less come to decision, if we cannot establish factual common ground? And of course all of this is unimaginably complicated today by social media and it makes my head hurt to consider the contravening legal implications now at play in what used to be a straightforward matter of protecting the work of newspapers and journalists. The ACLU needs all the help it can get!

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