



Dear ACLU-MO Supporter,

As leaders of the ACLU of Missouri, we're tasked with determining how to allocate our affiliate's finite resources. We've chosen a path of deep focus. During the 2022 fiscal year, the ACLU of Missouri steered that focus to two strategic areas: voting rights and equity in our state's education system. With this focus in mind, we still work to cover the waterfront of civil liberties issues in our state. There are many.

In this report, you'll see our deep, long-term focus leading to lasting change. You'll see how our small but mighty team creates a big impact. And, you'll see that your investment is paying off for civil liberties in our state. **Thank you for fueling this fight.**

Sincerely,

Luz María Henríquez
Executive Director
Bill Raney (Kansas City)
Outgoing Board Chair
Shontia Riley (St. Louis)
Incoming Board Chair

Art credit:
"Represent," by Emily Alvarez

Emily Alvarez is a Kansas City-based Latina artist whose passions include visual storytelling, children's media, illustration, horror and mural painting. Among many things, her love for lively compositions, vivacious color and exaggerated motion inform her art. She graduated with a BFA in illustration from the Kansas City Art Institute in May 2018 and her work has been featured by PBS among others.

01 LEADERSHIP



HENRÍQUEZ AND RILEY AT THE 2022 ACLU BIENNIAL CONFERENCE.

02 OUR WINS

Wins from 2021 MOLEG (fiscal year 2022). Juvenile right to counsel, school restraint and seclusion controls, hearings for juvenile offenders, HIV decriminalization, and police reform (banning choke-holds and sex on duty).

Wins from 2022 MOLEG (fiscal year 2022). No anti-transgender bills passed, no so-called "CRT" bills passed, and the initiative petition process remains unchanged.

Transgender Rights. ACLU-MO and Zuckerman Spaeder filed a lawsuit on behalf of a transgender woman whose employer-provided insurance plan denied coverage for a medically necessary procedure. We are also representing a 14-year-old trans student whose school is denying her access to the girls' restroom.

Leading Nationally. Became the first-line of review for video related civil liberties complaints for 18 ACLU state affiliates.

Abuse of powers by police. In 2016, two St. Louis County police officers, with guns drawn, illegally entered a home in the middle of the night as they searched for a man who allegedly skipped out on a cab fare in the neighborhood. The ACLU of Missouri sued and a federal appellate court found that the police violated the constitution when they entered the home without a warrant or consent. The County settled and awarded the family \$300,000 for the illegal warrantless entry and search of their home.

Abortion rights. A mature minor attempted to gain a judicial bypass in lieu of parental consent to gain access to her constitutional right to an abortion. A court clerk denied "Jane Doe" her right multiple times, insisting that her parents had to be informed. The ACLU filed suit on Doe's behalf. The case is proceeding to a jury trial to determine damages to Doe.

03 STORIES

VOTING RIGHTS & THE RIGHT TO REFERENDUM

Two statutes impeding Missouri's right of referendum were challenged by the ACLU after the Missouri Secretary of State stymied our efforts to referendum the 2019 ban on abortion.

In 2021, the Missouri Supreme Court found the statutes were unconstitutional, thereby restoring this constitutional right to voters.

Then, in 2022, the Missouri General Assembly tried again to limit our initiative petition process. A statewide coalition of organizations including the ACLU of Missouri came together to stop them. Thanks to the advocacy of many, the initiative petition process remains unchanged.

EDUCATION EQUITY, BOOK BANS & THE FIRST AMENDMENT

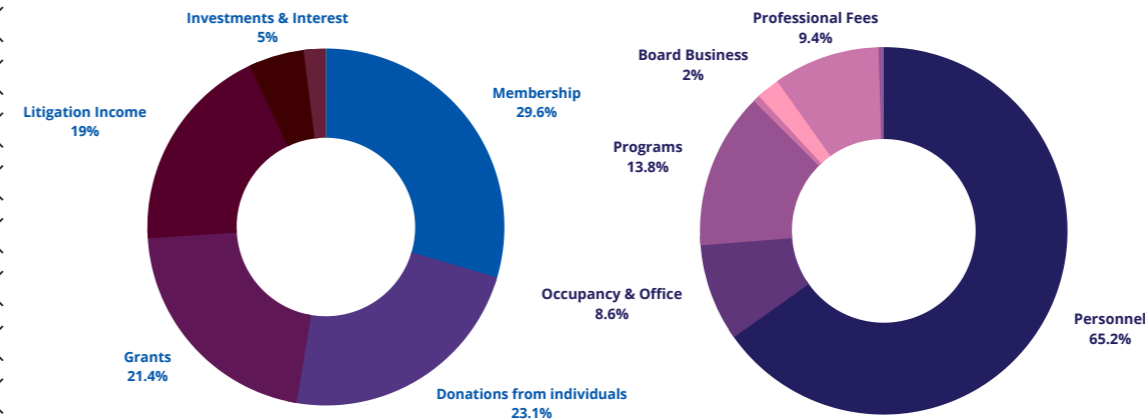
Missouri's Wentzville school board has a policy to remove books from school shelves upon the receipt of a complaint. The complaint could come from any student, parent or guardian, for any reason. Most banned books were authored by writers of color and LGBTQ+ writers, including Toni Morrison. **The ACLU sued.**

The school board has since returned some books to the shelves. Others remain inaccessible to students. In addition, the board has not stopped the practice of immediately removing books upon receipt of a complaint.

Individual students, their parents, and the Missouri NAACP joined in to stop the removal of books that are by and about communities of color, LGBTQ people, and other marginalized groups. The case continues.

FINANCIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 APRIL 1, 2021 - MARCH 31 2022

The numbers below represent two entities combined: The ACLU of Missouri Foundation (501c3) and the ACLU of Missouri Union (501c4)



FY22 REVENUE
\$2,148,926.94

FY22 EXPENSES
\$1,929,268.23

PLEASE NOTE: THESE NUMBERS ARE UNAUDITED

04 BY THE NUMBERS

WHO WE ARE

- 1 STATE
- 14 STAFF
- 2 OFFICES
- 41 INTERNS
- 10,041 ACLU MEMBERS

WHAT WE DID IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

- 6 FEDERAL COURT CASES (DISTRICT AND APPEAL)
- 6 STATE COURT CASES (CIRCUIT AND APPEAL)
- TRACKED 206 BILLS
- VETTED 2154 REQUESTS FOR LEGAL AID

