



## Volunteer/Pro Bono Attorney - Technology and Civil Liberties Program

*Full time, 1 year positions starting September 2010 or January 2011. Positions open until filled*

The Technology and Civil Liberties Program at the ACLU of Northern California (ACLU-NC) has 1-2 spaces available for attorneys who have a demonstrated commitment to public interest technology work and who are in a position to volunteer for one year.

The ACLU-NC is an affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, a national nonprofit organization devoted to the protection of civil liberties and civil rights. The ACLU-NC uses a combination of litigation, negotiation, lobbying, public education, and grassroots organizing to achieve its goals. The Technology and Civil Liberties Program was founded in 2004 to work on diverse issues at the intersection of privacy, free speech, and new technology. For more information about the ACLU-NC and the Technology and Civil Liberties Program, please visit [www.aclunc.org/tech](http://www.aclunc.org/tech).

### The Position:

The Volunteer Attorney will play an important role in the ACLU-NC's dynamic new online privacy campaign, Demand your dotRights ([www.dotrights.org](http://www.dotrights.org)). The campaign works to encourage consumers, policymakers, and businesses to push for new privacy protections that match our modern online world.

We are increasingly learning, sharing, shopping and connecting online but the more we do online, the more search and chat histories, photos, and friends lists we leave behind. Once this personal information is collected, outdated privacy laws are not adequately protecting it from being accessed and misused by the government and third parties.

The Volunteer Attorney will work with the Technology and Civil Liberties Director on a range of activities related to this new online privacy campaign, including legal and policy research and writing, media, public education, and advocacy work.

### Timing/Pay:

We are accepting applications for full time volunteer employment for one year with the goal of hiring 1-2 Volunteer Attorneys for one-year positions beginning in September 2010 or January 2011. ACLU-NC will not provide pay or benefits but Volunteer Attorneys will be covered by ACLU-NC's malpractice insurance. Volunteer attorneys must provide proof of health insurance. The positions will be open until filled.

### Special Skills and Qualifications:

Applicants should hold a J.D. or equivalent degree as of September 2010 and have experience in the areas of technology, privacy, or free speech. Other desirable qualifications include:

- a strong and demonstrated commitment to civil liberties and civil rights, and support for the goals of the ACLU;
- excellent writing, research, and analytical skills;
- ability to work independently and under pressure;
- ability to work cooperatively on a variety of projects with lawyers, other staff members, and with diverse community organizations and coalitions; and
- skills as an articulate public advocate.

### To Apply:

Applicants must send a cover letter, resume, writing sample, transcript, and list of references to [hr-admin@aclunc.org](mailto:hr-admin@aclunc.org). Applicants should indicate in the cover letter that they are interested in a position with ACLU-NC's Technology and Civil Liberties Program and include evidence of their commitment to public interest technology work.