



Volunteer/Pro Bono Attorney - Technology and Civil Liberties Program

Full time, 3 months-1 year positions starting September 2009 or January 2010. 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 three months to a 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.

The Position:

The Volunteer Attorney will play an important role in a dynamic new ACLU-NC campaign to activate 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 Once this personal information is collected, outdated privacy laws are not adequately protecting it from being accessed and misused by the government and third parties.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 and Technology and Civil Liberties Fellow 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 three months to one year with the goal of hiring 1-2 Volunteer Attorneys for one-year positions beginning in September 2009 or January 2010 as well as one or more shorter-term Volunteer Attorneys. 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 2009 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 should send a cover letter, resume, writing sample and list of references to Romy Ganschow, rganschow@aclunc.org. Applicants should indicate that they are interested in a position with ACLU-NC's Technology and Civil Liberties Program. Applicants should include evidence of their commitment to public interest technology work in their application materials.