



NEW HAMPSHIRE CIVIL LIBERTIES

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2014 CHALLENGES TO YOUR RIGHTS

NHCLU's 2014 agenda is packed with critical challenges to our most basic rights and freedoms. We are fighting many battles on a variety of issues.

We are confronting numerous municipal ordinances that violate the First Amendment rights of the poor and homeless. Recently, we've seen an increase in anti-panhandling ordinances that make it illegal for people in need to peacefully ask for money.

We are working vigilantly to help strengthen basic protections against unreasonable searches and seizures by the police whether in public, at home, at work or at school. Without a warrant, the police should not be permitted to conduct an electronic fishing expedition on our cell phones or use cell phone location tracking information.

A number of proposed bills in this legislative session threaten essential reproductive rights, including one bill that defines life as beginning at conception. We, along with our partners and ally legislators, are committed to defeating such restrictive legislation.

We are proud to endorse and advocate for the passage of the bill to repeal the death penalty in New Hampshire. After years of hard work and the bi-partisan backing of legislators, former judges, prosecutors, religious leaders, law enforcement officials and advocates, we believe the state will finally end this inhumane practice this year.

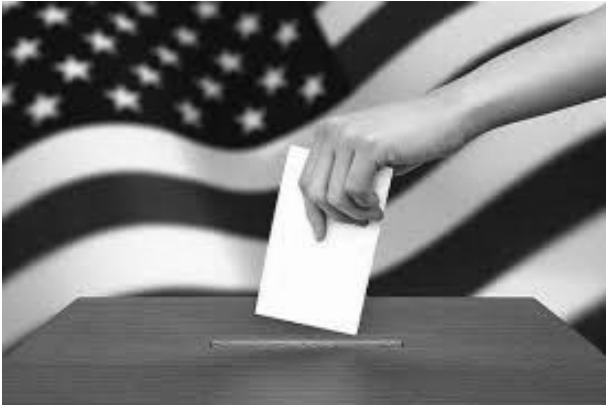
The NHCLU was front and center on some of the most critical battles in New Hampshire in 2013. When we had opportunities, we seized them. When we faced daunting challenges, we met them head on.

We fortified religious freedom and the separation of church and state this year by successfully challenging a New Hampshire tax credit scheme. A superior court overturned a scheme that would have forced taxpayers to subsidize religious instruction by schools that discriminate on the basis of religion.

At the legislature, we helped to expand the number of identification documents acceptable under the restrictive New Hampshire voter ID law. We continue to challenge misleading voter registration form language. With our support the legislature enacted a law allowing sick patients access to medical marijuana. We are working to ensure the law is fairly implemented by serving on the new Therapeutic Use of Cannabis Council which is charged with overseeing the program.

We look forward to collaborating with our members and supporters throughout the year on the many challenges ahead and will keep you apprised of new developments. For more information and updates, please visit us at our office or visit our website: NHCLU.org, where you will find our legal docket. You can also follow NHCLU on Twitter and Facebook .





Special Annual Election Ballot

Members of the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union are entitled to vote in this special annual election. A member is defined as any state resident who has made a donation of \$5 or more to the NHCLU in the last fifteen months or is a Lifetime Member. The ten nominees with the highest vote totals will receive three-year terms. You may vote for as many nominees as you like. Your vote is confidential.

There are two ballot items:

1. Slate of Candidates to the NHCLU Board of Directors
2. Proposed Bylaws Amendments

SLATE OF CANDIDATES TO NHCLU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Some of the candidates listed below are current members of the NHCLU's Board. For a full listing of current Board members, visit our website at www.nhclu.org.

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

If approved, the proposed amendments will update selected NHCLU governing practices. Bylaws are an organization's operating manual, defining the size of the board and how it will function; the roles and duties of directors and officers; the rules and procedures for holding meetings, electing directors, appointing officers and other essential governance matters. To review these proposed bylaws amendments, please visit our website at <http://nhclu.org/about/bylaws-amendments/>.

This is Your Ballot

Please return your ballot in the enclosed envelope.

Ballot Item #1

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Almy | <input type="checkbox"/> Demetrio Aspiras |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kate Corriveau | <input type="checkbox"/> Bjorn Lange |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ted Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Leah Plunkett |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leonard Small | <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Sobelson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Wells | <input type="checkbox"/> Monica Zulauf |

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Ballot Item #2

- Yes, I approve of the proposed Bylaws Amendments
 No, I do not approve of the proposed Bylaws Amendments

Please return your ballot to
New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union, 18 Low Avenue, Concord NH 03301

New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union Board Nominees

Susan Almy of Lebanon was elected to the New Hampshire Legislature in 1996 and has served Grafton county for nearly twenty years. Susan joined the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union in 1999 and later served a term as Chair of the Board.

Demetrio Aspiras of Manchester has been a staff attorney for the New Hampshire Public Defender since 2009. A graduate of Michigan State University College of Law, Demetrio joined the Board of the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union in 2013.

Kate Corriveau of Manchester is the State Coordinator at Organizing for Action-New Hampshire, a nonprofit social welfare organization. Kate was the Coordinator for the MLK Day of Service as part of the 2012 Presidential Inaugural Commission.

Bjorn Lange of Concord is an assistant federal public defender in the Concord, NH branch office of the Federal Public Defender for the Districts of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. He has been a state and federal public defender for nearly three decades.

Ted Parent of Keene has been practicing law in New Hampshire since 1975. Ted has a career-long dedication to civil liberties issues and to providing pro bono services for people in need. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Michigan Law School.

Leah Plunkett of Concord is the Director of Academic Success & Associate Professor of Legal Skills at the UNH School of Law. She is also a Research Affiliate of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. Leah received her JD from Harvard Law School where she was a board member on Harvard's Legal Aid Bureau.

Leonard Small, MD of Barrington has managed a pediatric practice in Dover for thirty three years. He is the past chair of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, past board member of the Special Olympics of NH and a member of the Executive Committee of the NH Pediatric Society.

Gary Sobelson, MD of Concord is a family physician with nearly three decades of experience. Gary served as president of the NH Academy of Family Physicians and the NH Medical Society. He has been active in progressive medical advocacy since receiving his MD from Columbia University.

Jason Wells is the Rector of the Grace Episcopal Church in Concord. He was president of the Greater Concord Interfaith Council and he is currently a board member of the Friendly Kitchen. Jason earned his Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Monica Zulauf of Manchester is President and CEO of the YWCA New Hampshire, a position she has held since 2007. Monica has more than thirty-five years of experience in the nonprofit sector.



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Special Election Ballot Enclosed

Does Everyone Have Equal Access to the Courts?



On December 8th, the NHCLU held its annual meeting at the Portsmouth Public Library. NHCLU Executive Director Devon Chaffee gave an update on the activities and progress of the NHCLU this year. Her introduction was followed by the documentary film *Defending Gideon* which focused on the landmark 1963 Supreme Court case that resulted in the state guaranteeing indigent people the right to counsel in criminal cases. The meeting was attended by new and long time NHCLU members.

PICTURED ABOVE

Devon Chaffee, *NHCLU Executive Director*, Larry Vogelmann, *Nixon, Vogelmann, Barry, et al*, Randy Hawkes, *New Hampshire Public Defender*, Dennis Labbe, *New Hampshire Legal Assistance*, Malcolm Smith, *Professor, University of New Hampshire*