

SAVING LIVES, PROTECTING DEMOCRACY

2020 IN REVIEW

ACLU OF LOUISIANA BY THE NUMBERS

IN THE COURTS

- 10** CASES FILED OR PENDING
- 1** VICTORY AT SUPREME COURT
- 4** AMICI CURIAE BRIEFS
- 33** JUSTICE LAB CASES UNDER INVESTIGATION

IN THE CAPITOL

- 20+** WRITTEN & ORAL TESTIMONY TO LEGISLATIVE BODIES
- 3** HARMFUL BILLS DEFEATED

IN COMMUNITIES

- 700K+** VOTERS REACHED THROUGH ADVERTISING, TEXT MESSAGES AND PHONE CALLS
- 67,346** SUPPORTERS ACROSS THE STATE

2020 TIMELINE

JANUARY

VICTORY | Manuel Amaya Portillo, an asylum-seeker with severe disabilities, is released

APRIL

VICTORY | Defamation case against New Orleans photographer dismissed

ACLU of Louisiana sues Oakdale prison for release of vulnerable people amid COVID-19

ACLU releases report showing Black people in Louisiana three times more likely to get arrested for marijuana

VICTORY | Fifth Circuit rejects DA Cannizzaro's immunity claims over fake subpoenas

VICTORY | NOPD calls off vehicle checkpoints after ACLU outcry

JULY

VICTORY | New Orleans agrees not to infringe on First Amendment rights in so-called "clean zones"

SEPTEMBER

VICTORY | Tear gas ban unanimously passes New Orleans City Council

ACLU of Louisiana files brief supporting asylum for gay refugee fleeing anti-LGBTQ violence

NOVEMBER

VICTORY | Supreme Court sides with Black Lives Matter activist DeRay Mckesson in free speech case

ACLU of Louisiana files brief asking 5th Circuit to overturn grant of qualified immunity to officers who shot man with mental illness

VICTORY | Army Corps suspends permit for petrochemical plant in Cancer Alley

VICTORY | Court orders Louisiana DOC to release public records on COVID-19 prison release panel

MARCH

Landmark report "Justice Can't Wait" released showing pretrial incarceration at record high

VICTORY | Louisiana Supreme Court orders New Orleans to disclose surveillance camera locations

MAY

Motion for contempt filed against ICE for refusing to restore access to parole for asylum-seekers

George Floyd is tortured to death by police officer Derek Chauvin, sparking the largest social uprising in American history

JUNE

ACLU of Louisiana launches Justice Lab: Putting Racist Policing on Trial to combat police violence against people of color

ACLU of Louisiana hosts Children's March for Racial Justice

AUGUST

ACLU of Louisiana sues Department of Corrections for COVID-19 prison release panel documents

Trayford Pellerin is shot and killed by Lafayette Police

OCTOBER

ACLU of Louisiana launches Orleans Parish DA candidate dashboard and poll showing widespread support for reforms

DECEMBER

Jason Williams is elected Orleans Parish DA on a platform of bold, progressive reforms

