SAVING LIVES, PROTECTING DEMOCRACY

2020 IN REVIEW

2020 TIMELINE

JANUARY

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

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

APRIL

VICTORY | Defamation case against New Orleans photographer dismissed

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

VICTORY | 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

VICTORY | 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

VICTORY | 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

DECEMBER

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

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