



ACLU OF WASHINGTON LITIGATION DOCKET

2020-2021 Open Cases

A huge THANKS to all involved with the cases listed here. We want to acknowledge that each case is very much a team effort with much credit due to so many others: cooperating attorneys and co-counsel and their staff, and the people in so many different roles at ACLU-WA both in the legal department and outside of it. And a special shout out to the courageous people and groups who we are honored to represent - people directly impacted by the issues before the court.

Banks v. Tacoma

Case Description: The ACLU-WA sues the Tacoma Police Dept. for not disclosing stingray surveillance records.

Court: Pierce County Superior Court

Case Number: 16-2-05416-7

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](https://www.aclu-wa.org/legal-cases)

Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County v City of Seattle

Case Description: Lawsuit filed against city of Seattle regarding use of chemical agents and less lethal weapons against crowds.

Court: Western District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: 2:20-CV-00887-RAJ

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](https://www.aclu-wa.org/legal-cases)

Castenada v Asher

Case Description: A class action seeking release for all medically-vulnerable people at the Northwest Detention Center.

Court: Western District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: 2:20-cv-00700-JLR-MLP

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](https://www.aclu-wa.org/legal-cases)

* Case statuses are current as of February 8, 2022.

Dawson v Asher

Case Description: Legal organizations seek the release of people who are in civil detention and are at high risk for serious illness or death in the event of COVID-19 infection.

Court: Western District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: C20-0409 JLR-MAT

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Davison v. WA OPD

Case Description: A lawsuit to enforce minimum standards of public defense in Grays Harbor.

Court: Washington Supreme Court

Case Number: 96766-1

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Does v. King County

Case Description: People who were convicted of sex offenses as juveniles years ago, and who were determined to be the lowest risk category, sued to stop the release of records in response to a public records request. They presented evidence that the release of their names would destroy their lives.

Court: Washington Supreme Court

Case Number: 99489-7

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Does v. Pierce County

Case Description: People who were convicted of sex offenses as juveniles years ago, and who were determined to be the lowest risk category, sued to stop the release of records in response to a public records request. They presented evidence that the release of their names would destroy their lives.

Court: Washington Supreme Court

Case Number: 99758-6

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Does v. Thurston County

Case Description: People who were convicted of sex offenses as juveniles years ago, and who were determined to be the lowest risk category, sued to stop the release of records in response to a public records request. They presented evidence that the release of their names would destroy their lives.

Court: COA Division II

Case Number: 48000-0

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Does v. Washington Department of Corrections

Case Description: Disability Rights Washington; the ACLU-WA; Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP; and MacDonald, Hoague & Bayless sued the Washington Department of Corrections on behalf of a group of people who are currently and formerly incarcerated to protect private data.

Court: Eastern District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: 4:21-cv-05059-TOR

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Elshieky v. U.S.A. CBP

Case Description: Claim on behalf of a man wrongly detained by CBP-Spokane.

Court: Eastern District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: 2:20-cv- 00064-SAB

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Goninan (Lotusflower) v. Sinclair

Case Description: The ACLU of Washington represents Nonnie Lotusflower, a transgender woman in the custody of the Washington Department of Corrections (“DOC”) in a case challenging DOC's blanket ban on gender affirming surgery for transgender people.

Court: Western District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: 3:17-cv-05714-BHS-JRC

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Hammer v. King County

Case Description: Several individuals representing the class of King County Jail inmates and the corrections guards’ union filed suit alleging that conditions in the jail as to staffing, violence, medical care, and transport to court were unconstitutional. A consent decree settlement was the result and it requires the jail to maintain certain conditions, subject to court enforcement if the jail fails to comply with those conditions.

Court: Western District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: C89-521-R

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Ingersoll v. Arlene's Flowers & Gifts

Case Description: The ACLU filed a lawsuit on behalf of a gay couple in Kennewick against a florist that refused to sell them flowers because of their sexual orientation.

Court: Benton County Superior Court

Case Number: 13-2-00953-3

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Kitcheon v. City of Seattle

Case Description: Case challenging Seattle's policies and practices of banning houseless people from public property and destroying their belongings in sweeps as unconstitutional.

Court: King County Superior Court

Case Number: 19-2-25729-6 SEA

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Kortlever v. Whatcom County

Case Description: A class-action suit vs. Whatcom County for denying medically assisted treatment of opioid addiction.

Court: Western District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: 2:18-cv-00823-JLR

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Lemmon v Pierce County

Case Description: A class-action lawsuit against Pierce County on Monday claiming the county has violated the constitutional rights of thousands of people by referring their court debt to private collection agencies.

Court: Western District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: 3:21-cv-05390-RSL

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Lin v PeaceHealth

Case Description: We filed suit on behalf of Dr. Ming Lin, a physician with over 30 years of emergency room experience, who was relieved of duty after exposing inadequate COVID-19-related safety procedures at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Bellingham, WA.

Court: Whatcom County Superior Court

Case Number: 20-2-00700-37

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Pierce v Washington Department of Licensing

Case Description: The ACLU of Washington has filed a lawsuit on behalf of individuals who have had their driver's licenses suspended by the Washington Department of Licensing (DOL) because they were unable to pay fines and fees for moving violations.

Court: Pierce County Superior Court

Case Number: 20-2-02149-34

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Rios v Pierce County

Case Description: A U.S. citizen has sued Pierce County for unlawfully detaining him and violating constitutional rights and state law.

Court: Western District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: 3:22-cv-5021

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Robbins Greene v Swedish Health Services

Case Description: A suit against Swedish and Providence for refusing medically necessary surgery for a transgender man.

Court: Pierce County Superior Court

Case Number: 20-2-18020-3 SEA

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

SAFE v City of Selah

Case Description: Lawsuit filed against City of Selah for censoring Black Lives Matter related speech.

Court: Eastern District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: 1:20-cv-03228

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Sosa v. U.S. CBP

Case Description: Claim on behalf of a man wrongly detained by CBP-Spokane.

Court: Eastern District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: 2:19-CV-00219-SAB

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

Wagafe v ICE

Case Description: A class action lawsuit that challenges immigration authorities' imposition of extra scrutiny on naturalization and green card applicants.

Court: Western District, U.S. District Court

Case Number: 2:17-cv-00094-RAJ

Pleadings: Available on ACLU-WA website - [Legal Cases | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)