



Media Advisory

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Liberty and Justice for All

ACLU of Montana annual meeting focuses on immigration, Legislature

HELENA, MT — Immigration reform continues to be an issue at the forefront of the national political scene and one that states across the country, including Montana, continue to grapple with in their legislatures. "Liberty and Justice for All," the ACLU of Montana's annual meeting on Saturday, March 9 at the Downtown Helena Holiday Inn, will focus on immigration, the latest from the Montana Legislature and an update on our ongoing litigation.

Keynote speaker Victoria Lopez, program director for the ACLU of Arizona, is an expert on immigration detention and how Arizona's extreme immigration policies enacted by SB 1070 have been punitive, racially discriminatory and economically devastating. She will speak about Arizona's experience, what other states can learn from it and how national immigration reform is likely to impact America's aspiring citizens. **Victoria is available for telephone interviews this week.**

ACLU of Montana Public Policy Director Niki Zupanic will share the positive and negative civil liberties developments in the Montana Legislature, including bills on reproductive freedom, criminal justice reform, drones, privacy, voting rights and the death penalty. ACLU of Montana Legal Director Jon Ellingson will provide an update on ongoing ACLU litigation, and meeting participants will have a chance to discuss hot topics of the day in our popular roundtable sessions.

The meeting includes lunch, a cocktail hour and a chance for civil libertarians from across the state to gather.

- WHAT:** Liberty and Justice for All: ACLU of Montana 2013 Annual Meeting
- WHO:** Victoria Lopez, ACLU of Arizona Program Director – focused on immigrants' rights
Niki Zupanic, ACLU of Montana Public Policy Director
Jon Ellingson, ACLU of Montana Legal Director
- WHEN:** Saturday, March 9, 2013
11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- WHERE:** Holiday Inn, Downtown Helena
- Cost:** \$25, includes buffet lunch and appetizers at 5 p.m. cocktail hour (Scholarships available)
Register at www.aclumontana.org