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Anna Dey Joins ACLU of Iowa as Lobbyist and Staff Attorney



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The American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa is pleased to announce that Anna Dey, formerly of the Dickey and Campbell Law Firm of Des Moines, has joined the staff as a lobbyist/staff attorney.

Before working at Dickey and Campbell, Dey assisted the Assistant Attorney General and the Administrator of the Iowa Consumer Credit Code. She previously taught legal research and writing for the American Bar Association in Liberia, Africa. She continues to teach paralegal students at Des Moines Area Community College.

A native Iowan, Dey attended the Seattle University Law School and earned her Bachelor's degree in English at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, prior to receiving a Paralegal Certificate with Honors at the University of San Diego.

She has advocated for prisoners in Tennessee for the Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division in the United States Department of Justice. She also served as a liaison between the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Dey previously assisted in the Consumer Protection Division of the Iowa Attorney General, drafting and editing legislation.

ACLU of Iowa Executive Director Ben Stone said, "Anna Dey comes to us with some impressive experience as an advocate, litigator and educator. We look forward to using the skills she's developed in the courtroom and classroom to enhance our lobbying program in dynamic ways. We couldn't be more excited about her joining our team as we continue the immense task of defending civil liberties in both the Statehouse and the courthouse."

Dey replaces Sandra Suarez Quilty, who recently resigned for personal reasons.

Dey says she is eager to continue her work assuring equal rights for all people. "In my work, I have seen firsthand what happens when a country disregards civil rights. I am excited to join a dedicated group of people. Even here in Iowa, it's an ongoing challenge to preserve the rights that we are all so fortunate to have guaranteed to us in our state and federal Constitutions."