

ACLU of Utah celebrates 60 years

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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (News4Utah) - The ACLU of Utah is currently celebrating 60 years in the Beehive State.

Executive Director of the ACLU of Utah Brittney Nystrom stops by Inside Utah Politics to discuss the organizations history.

"In 1958 we received our first charter to create as the ACLU of Utah. It all started at the University of Utah with a group of law professors who were concerned about McCarthyism and government overreach and we've continued for the last 60 years to fight some of those same fights." said Nystrom.

Most of those fights were on behalf of marginalized populations in Utah.

"In the 70's we represented women who were seeking unemployment benefits for being fired because they became pregnant. In the 80's we worked on behalf of prisoners who were held in overcrowded conditions, who needed better access to mental health care. Then in the 90's we worked on behalf of high school students who were seeking to form gay-straight alliances on campuses," Nystrom said.

She also talks about the organizations lobbying efforts over the years, as well as how the organization has grown in the state over the last six decades.

