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**Newly Updated *Alaska Prisoners' Rights Guide* Available In-Print & Online  
Important Resource for Prisoners, Their Families, and Advocates**

ANCHORAGE, AK, November 4, 2010 — The American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska Foundation announced today that the 2010 update to the *Alaska Prisoners' Rights Guide* is available in both print and online versions.

The *Guide* provides a summary of prisoners' rights in Alaska and is intended as a comprehensive resource for prisoners and their advocates seeking to challenge conditions of confinement or enforce constitutional rights.

Divided into three parts, the *Guide*:

- examines the current state of prisoners' rights law in Alaska, specifically focusing on ten prominent constitutional rights;
- summarizes the Federal Prison Litigation Reform Act and the Alaska Prison Litigation Reform Act; and
- provides an overview of some of the major Alaska Department of Corrections policies and procedures that implicate prisoners' rights, such as the classification system, grievance process, and prisoner discipline system.

“Making the *Guide* available in print and online to prisoners and their families, as well as to attorneys, academics, and others interested in litigation and the prison system serves the needs of prisoners and their advocates,” said Tom Stenson, Prison Rights Attorney for the ACLU of Alaska. “Prisoners can know what their rights are and how to protect them. I also hope that the *Guide* can be a resource for non-prisoners, such as attorneys unfamiliar with this challenging field of law who would like to take on a *pro bono* case.”

The *Guide* is available via the internet at <http://www.akclu.org/PrisonRights/prisonrights.htm>, at no cost. Prisoners may purchase a print copy by mail at a reduced cost of \$10, and others may purchase a copy for \$20.

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