

## **ACLU of North Carolina Celebrates Victory for Religious Freedom**

In May, the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina Legal Foundation celebrated a victory for religious freedom in North Carolina. In a lawsuit brought by the ACLU-NCLF, a Wake County Superior Court judge ruled that people of non-Christian faiths must be allowed to use religious texts other than the Christian Bible when being sworn in as jurors or witnesses in state court proceedings if they so choose. The Court looked to centuries of well-settled North Carolina case law and ruled that in the interest of justice, all people of faith must be allowed to be sworn in on the holy text that is in accordance with their faith. The ruling is a victory for the ACLU of North Carolina's statewide membership of approximately 8,000 individuals and all people of faith in North Carolina.

The American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina Legal Foundation is an NC Shares member agency dedicated to the preservation of civil liberties and constitutional freedoms. Since 1965, the ACLU-NC has fought for the rights of all North Carolinians and improved their quality of life. For more information, visit **[www.acluofnorthcarolina.org](http://www.acluofnorthcarolina.org)**.