

# **The Ideal Employer**

The employer I would most like to work for



The American Civil Liberties Union

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After already having worked for the better part of forty years, I am compelled towards a new set of reasons to continue working. With the exception of occasional freelance graphics work, I have spent all these years working for others as an employee. All that employment may have provided my livelihood financially, but it also represents a very large portion of my life spent dedicated to the service of someone else's business. That "livelihood" was never really very good and as time went on and in more recent years, financial compensation and benefits have only grown less. Capitalistic greed, while always present, has grown far out of proportion to any level of reason, morals, ethics, or even sanity from some perspectives.

There were times when I lived quite well such as having a spacious condo in a fairly wealthy area, a high-tech, management position, and some nice things. Other times not so well. Humanity's greed certainly presented a challenge to most, but the opportunity for me to fair much better was always there. A better defined and focused career path and planned education would certainly have taken me further.

One common thread ran through all of it. The work was meaningless. Beyond whatever it afforded me in the way of a life, it was simply large chunks of my life seemingly stolen away for someone else's profit. It was never a fair trade and offered very little, if anything, in the way of fulfillment. All that time spent in a struggle against some invisible foe that I could only retreat from at the end of the day.

We retreated into our distractions and illusions to escape the pains of a virtual defeat. That empty, unknown cause that became the search for a lifestyle and brands of entertainment. How accomplished at the art of escape could we become? How skilled at exploiting the luxuries affordable to us could we be? What kind of people would we identify with and what sort of friends would we have? What would it all be based on and what the hell did it all mean, anyway? That could change from one virtual season to the next and it did.

We took from the world whatever we could to fulfill our desires and gave very little in return. We had given our best five days a week, nine hours a day so what else was there except to enjoy the rest as much as possible? That was the way of things for most of us. Others took care of the worldly issues we did not have time for. Maybe we could throw a few extra dollars their way when it was called for otherwise we paid too much in taxes.

Somehow the fulfillment, the purpose, and the meaning never really seemed to materialize. Disillusionment with the current mode of operation could lead to problems and things could come crashing down. Changes would force their way in and new ways to try the same things would be the way to go. The reasons for it all played out in precarious circles.

After coming out of a cloud of self-entitlement and distraction, I have become aware of the world around me and found that it has been neglected by far too many for far too long and is now in critical condition and in need of everyone's help. Most of us have neglected our responsibility to this world we are part of and we are quickly losing it.

I am in agreement with the Buddhist philosophy of universal responsibility and so should everyone if we will have any chance for survival and happiness for life and the human race. An article on it is here: <http://www.lamayeshe.com/?sect=article&id=411>

I will have to work for a living, but my purpose can be where my true responsibility lies and my gainful employment can be part of that. Thanks to the internet I began discovering the real issues facing everyone along with the people and organizations who are working for the solutions. There are many. Being part of the solution is where I want to be. Perhaps my skills and recent education will enable me to do just that. One of the best places for this is the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

“For almost 100 years, the ACLU has worked to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States.” After looking over their history and a long list with many of their major accomplishments, that is an understatement. There is a constant battle to protect our rights as described in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. People in control of government at all levels will seek to violate those rights and the ACLU has been fighting for those rights since 1920. One tagline they use is: “Because freedom can't protect itself.”

I believe that most people have no idea about the full extent of this battle and just how important it is. I doubt if most people know what this organization has done or is doing right now. There are many current issues the ACLU is on the front lines addressing right now and I am grateful they are there. I hate to imagine what this country would be like without them. There are plenty of books and one good history is “[In Defense of American Liberties](#)” published

in 1999, 479 pages. It will already be missing sixteen years. No way could they have covered everything, but there are plenty of landmark successes to write/read about and some of them may surprise you. Their website can be the best place to read about them. [aclu.org](http://aclu.org)

As there were plenty of books about them, there were also some books against them. Even with me, some of the groups they have represented are not the sort of thing I could agree with or may even be happy to see in jail, but fair is fair and I do have to agree with their approach and their moral and ethical reasoning. I would not be the attorney representing the Neo Nazi Party in the United States, but someone was willing and hey, the Federal Government must have taken it to heart, they have been pumping millions, maybe billions, of dollars into outfitting the Neo Nazi Party in the Western Ukraine with military weapons and equipment. Wow, way to go ACLU! Sarcasm aside, their work has been very controversial and has created a lot of enemies along the way. Too many people want to force their beliefs on everyone else and dominate the world according to them so maybe they should go start their own little dictatorship somewhere and let freedom take its course. Personally, I may not wish to have the Nazi Party or the KKK around, but cultural diversity is a very good thing in my book. Thanks, in part, to the ACLU, groups like those two can only show how undesirable they really are.

With my skills in graphic design, desktop publishing, and experience in the commercial printing industry combined with newly gained skills from school in web technologies, I hope to qualify for a position with this organization. Creativity, above average intelligence, and many years of experience working at a professional level in related technology as a specialist and manager should go a long way in enabling more mature performance and capability. Of course, I also come with the desire to be part of the solution they always are.

The ACLU has affiliate offices in every state of the union. Their main office appears to be in New York City. They do not have any currently posted positions that I will qualify for. I would not want to live in New York City. It looks like the only way to determine if there are or possibly will be any positions with them, will require me contacting them to inquire. This is something I will actually do in the very near future. In fact, this is a good time to begin creating a database of contacts for prospective employers. I may yet remain an employee, but this business will hold the meaning and purpose I am looking for.