

Southern Utah Drag Stars File Lawsuit Challenging the City of St. George's Censorship of Drag Performances

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In partnership with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah Foundation, Inc., (ACLU of Utah), Jenner & Block is representing the organization Southern Utah Drag Stars, which filed a lawsuit challenging the city of St. George, Utah's censorship of drag performances.

The city refused to grant the organization a special events permit to host a family-friendly drag show, part of a months-long effort to target drag performances and LGBTQ+ pride events, violating the First and Fourteenth Amendments and the Utah constitution.

"The city of St. George is violating the First Amendment rights of Drag Stars and discriminating against them through a façade of permits and ordinances that have never been applied in this manner with any other group or organization," Partner Jeremy Creelan said in a press release. "LGBTQ+ performers are entitled to protections under the First and Fourteenth Amendments, and we are asking the court to protect these fundamental rights and put a stop to this deeply troubling attack on free expression."

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