

## WASHINGTON, D.C. Awlaki granted representation

The U.S. government issued a license that enabled private lawyers to challenge the constitutionality of the CIA's targeting of terrorism suspect Anwar Awlaki, an American citizen living in Yemen.

The American Civil Liberties Union and the Center for Constitutional Rights had gone to court to challenge what they say was a refusal by the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control to allow the representation.

The two civil liberties groups said they appreciated the office's quick response. They added, however, that its regulations were

unconstitutional because they required lawyers who were providing uncompensated legal representation to seek the government's permission before challenging the constitutionality of the government's conduct.

The ACLU and CCR said they would pursue that issue and argue that the attorney-licensing regulations should be invalidated.

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