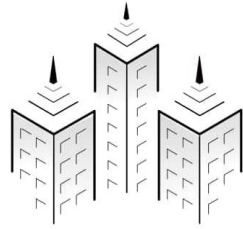


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Photographer Shows How to Break 50 of the Strangest Laws Across the U.S.

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When you picture breaking the law, it's probably not for something as innocuous as wearing skinny jeans. But in Delaware, it's technically illegal to wear pants that are "form fitting" at the waist. The weird laws don't stop there, though.

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In Alabama, don't even try to hide that ice cream cone in your back pocket—it'll land you in trouble! Chronicling this surprising side of the U.S. penal code is photographer Olivia Locher, who depicts these sorts of regulations in her series I Fought the Law.

In stylish, satirical pictures, Locher proves that the truth is often stranger than fiction. Her research into unusual laws in all 50 states has provided the creative fodder for curious scenes like a man on a bicycle in a swimming pool as well as a portrait of a woman who has a quarter in her ear. Utterly bizarre, the amusing photos will make you wonder, "How can that be a law?" But aside from the humor, the project is a serious reminder that hundreds of rules are made every year, including many that we don't know about. Some of the laws seen here are no longer in effect, but at one time, they did—or still continue to—affect our daily lives.

Since beginning the series in 2014, I Fought the Law has been turned into a book that's now available for pre-order through Amazon.