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Help Domestic Violence Survivors: Become a Court Watcher

When: Friday, May 20 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

Where: Cardinal Rigali Center – Lally Room | 20
Archbishop May Drive

[Register Here](#)

St. Martha's Hall Court Watch Project is currently recruiting volunteers to observe courtrooms where civil domestic violence cases are being heard and monitor the proceedings to enhance the response to domestic violence cases.



The Court Watch Project is a community-based initiative within the court system to help improve court processes regarding Order of Protection hearings. The mission of the Court Watch Project is to make the justice system more effective and responsive in handling cases of domestic violence perpetrated against women and children and to create a more informed and involved public. **This is a great opportunity for students, victim advocates, and community members.**

Monitors must be at least 18 years of age, attend the training, and commit to observing for at least six months. For more information visit [Court Watch Project](#).

Please [click here](#) to register for the next training. For more information, please contact Carla Maley at carlam@saintmarthas.org.

TOMORROW! Listen in on History at the Supreme Court



When: Tuesday, April 26 | 9:00 AM CT

Where: Online

[Listen Here](#)

Tomorrow, the Supreme Court will hear *Biden vs. Texas*, which will decide whether the Biden Administration must retain a federal immigration program based on the capacity of the Department of Homeland Security and how bound is one

administration to policies from a previous administration under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

In 2018, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) created the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) – sometimes known as the "Remain in Mexico Policies." DHS decided to terminate the MPP on June 1, 2021. Texas and Missouri sued, arguing that

the decision to end the program violated federal immigration law and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). A district court and the 5th Circuit ruled in favor of the states.

This decision will impact the authority of presidents to change policies from previous administrations, including presidential discretion on immigration policy. More importantly, it will impact those whose lives are in limbo at the border.

Please [click here](#) and click on the link to "Oral Arguments" to listen to the hearing.

Lobby Day to Save the Citizen Initiative Petition Process

When: Tuesday, May 3 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CT

Where: First Floor Rotunda at the State Capitol

[Register Here](#)

Please join with advocates from across the state to participate in a Lobby Day in Jefferson City to Save the Citizen Initiative Petition process.

In recent years, Missouri voters have collectively proposed and passed policies that have raised the minimum wage, legalized medical marijuana, and expanded eligibility for healthcare to 300,000 Missourians - all through the initiative petition process.

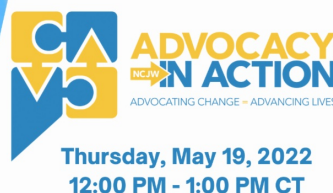


Unfortunately, this important democratic tool is currently under attack.

We are mobilizing in full force to show that we oppose any changes to our citizen Initiative Petition process before the end of the legislative session. Won't you join us?

Please [click here](#) to register. If you would like to join us and need transportation, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

May Lunch & Learn: Missouri Legislative Session Wrap-Up with Emily Manley from Fox 2 News St. Louis



Emily Manley

When: Thursday, May 19 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom Meeting

[RSVP Here](#)

The Missouri Legislature will wrap up its 2022 session on May 13th. From the Senate infighting regarding redistricting and the budget to the myriad attacks on reproductive rights, it has certainly been a doozy of a session. It can often be very difficult for the layperson to navigate its intricacies.

For our May Lunch and Learn, we are absolutely thrilled to welcome Emily Manley, the chief capitol bureau reporter at Fox 2 News St. Louis.

Emily received her bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University, Macomb, and completed her Master of Arts with an emphasis in Public Affairs Reporting at the University of Illinois, Springfield. She worked as an intern for WICS's statehouse bureau in Springfield, Illinois. That is where she also covered legislative efforts, committee hearings, and a gubernatorial election during grad school.

She's originally from Highland, Illinois but has enjoyed becoming a Missourian and reporting on legislation that affects the state. She currently lives in mid-Missouri.

Please [click here](#) to RSVP and receive your login information. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

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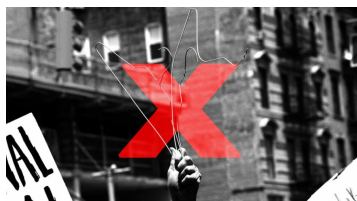
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Interesting Reading



One of the most jarring and common signs seen at rallies and protests supporting abortion access have been images of coat hangers.

Recently, however, leaders in the movement have been encouraging people to stop this practice. It's an outdated symbol that disregards the safety of self-managed abortions (such as using the abortion pill). What do you think?

[Click here](#) to read Susan Rinkunas's article from Jezebel, "Please Stop Using Coat Hangers to Protest Abortion Bans."

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