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Leading Through Uncertainty Conference - Save the Date



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March 3-5, 2023

A conference around doing non-partisan advocacy in a partisan world.

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Workshops will include:

- State Budgeting Strategy: Funding Our Priorities
- Get On Board: Why School Boards Matter
- Money Talks: Understanding Campaign Finance
- The Nonprofit ABCs: How to Get the Most Out of All Your Meetings
- Storytelling Strategy: The Personal is Political
- Purim's Persian Queen Esther: An Advocate Then, An Example Now

For additional information, view/download [this conference flyer!](#)

Legislation Watch - Take Action Today!

NCJWSTL is closely monitoring the following legislation this week and we are asking you to take action:

SB 49 and **SB 164** are **extreme** attacks on children's health care access. These bills seeks to ban life-saving, medically necessary and affirming health care for transgender youth in Missouri. If passed, kids will die.

Contact members of the **Senate Emerging Issues Committee NOW** (they will be voting on these bills this afternoon) and urge them to vote **NO** on both bills. [Click here for the committee's contact information.](#)



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HB 453 - This bill would impose a judgment of restitution in the amount of five thousand dollars for human trafficking offenses and establishes the Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation Fund.

This bill will be heard on Wednesday in the House Judiciary Committee at 5:00 PM. Please contact the members of this committee and urge them to vote **YES** on HB 453. [Click here](#) for the committee's contact information.

HJR 43 - This bill would attack our citizen initiative process by making it harder to get a citizen initiative on the ballot and more difficult for measures to pass once on the ballot.

NCJWSTL testified last week in opposition to HJR 43. It has already passed the House. Please contact your Senator and urge them to vote **NO** on HJR 43 if and when it comes to the floor. [Click here](#) to find your Senator's contact information.

HB 442 - This bill would allow for a person using drug manufacturer coupons for prescriptions to count the coupon's amount toward their deductible, which is currently prohibited. NCJWSTL testified in support of this bill last week. Please contact members of the [House Health and Mental Health Policy](#) and urge them to take HB 442 to a vote and vote **YES**. [Click here](#) for the committee's contact information.

Learn How to Fight Attacks on Missouri's Initiative Petition Process

When: Thursday, February 23 | 6:30 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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Join Missouri faith leaders for a conversation about forgiveness, community healing, and automatic expungement. Clean Slate would offer a second chance to Missouri families who have been held back by a criminal record. Learn about the current legislation and how to support advocacy efforts at this virtual event. NCJWSTL is a co-sponsor of this event.



Please [click here](#) for more information and to register.

NCJW Purim: An Intersectional Feminist Celebration



When: Wednesday, March 1 | 6:30 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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Tellings of the Purim story of Queen Vashti and Queen Esther too often focus on their beauty, dismiss their strength, and limit their agency. And there are other women in the Megillah whose stories we never tell.

It's time to honor the women both at the centers and the margins of the story – to celebrate courageous decisions and bold actions, and to remember those too often forgotten. Let's reclaim their herstory and recognize the community activists and organizers who were there.

Join NCJW Scholar in Residence Danya Ruttenberg and special guest Ginna Green, Partner and Chief Strategy Officer at [Uprise Consulting](#), for an intersectional feminist Purim celebration! We'll raise our glasses and hear lively commentary of the Purim spiel centering those most marginalized and often underestimated.

Please [click here](#) to register for what will be an incredible event!

Moms Demand Action Lobby Day

When: Tuesday, March 7 | 10:00 AM CT

Where: Missouri State Capitol

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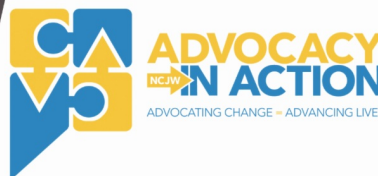


Each year, Missouri Moms Demand Action volunteers meet with state lawmakers about priority gun violence prevention policies to keep our communities safer. This is a great opportunity to make sure our legislators know MDA concerns, to show appreciation for those legislators who already support their work, and to meet and support other volunteers.

To register for the Moms Demand Action lobby day and for more information, please [click here](#).

NOTE: Carpools will be available for those who need a ride to Jefferson City.

March Lunch and Learn - Courts Matter to All of Us



Thursday, March 16, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Nicole Gorovsky

When: Thursday, March 16 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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Did you know? 100 cases or fewer each term are typically heard by the US Supreme Court. The majority of decisions are made in the federal district and appellate courts. Federal judges make decisions that impact women, children, and families every day. Federal court decisions impact every aspect of our lives such as our ability to start a family when we choose, our religious freedoms, and our voting rights. Unfortunately, how the courts work can be confusing to a lot of us and may seem incredibly daunting. NCJWSTL has been a leading voice in the fight to ensure a fair and independent judiciary, and we are so fortunate to have as our March Lunch and Learn speaker one of the area's top courts experts (and NCJWSTL Board Member), Nicole Gorovsky.

Nicole Gorovsky is an attorney at Jenkins and Kling representing businesses in litigation. Her practice focuses on complex business and commercial litigation.

Nicole began her career in 2001 as an Assistant Attorney General in Missouri doing appellate work. She then became an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Boone County, Missouri where she prosecuted hundreds of homicides, sex crimes, and crimes against children. Then, Nicole was honored to be a Federal Prosecutor doing complex criminal litigation and appeals.

In 2011, Nicole went into private practice to do complex civil litigation including representing victims of sexual assault, bullying, and other crimes. Nicole has participated in over 50 trial, both Federal and State. She has argued in the Missouri Supreme Court, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and in each

district of the Missouri Court of Appeals.

Please [click here](#) to register for the March Lunch and Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call 314.993.5181

Take Action & Join the A-List



Now more than ever you will want to make sure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2023! Join us as we stand together and speak out about the issues that matter most.

Together we can make a difference!

A-List sponsorship ads sustain our collaborative efforts to educate the community and elected officials about issues integral to our mission, such as birth control access and voting rights. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2023.

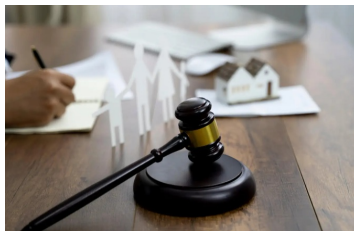
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Interesting Reading



An Oklahoma county judge last Monday ruled to transfer a lesbian woman's parental rights to the child's sperm donor. Kris Williams and Rebekah Wilson married in 2019, while Wilson was pregnant through a sperm donor. The couple raised the child together, called W, for two years. But after separating in 2021, Wilson took the young child and moved in with their sperm donor, Harlan Vaughan. This case has terrifying implications for LGBTQ parents everywhere.

[Click here](#) to read Kylie Cheung's article from Jezebel, "Oklahoma Judge Transfers Lesbian Woman's Parental Rights to Sperm Donor."

Want to help people seeking access to reproductive healthcare in our region?

Here is an opportunity to make a "hands-on" difference in someone's life...

NCJWSTL has partnered with local clinics to provide direct support services to patients. Help us help women in our region by ordering from our [Amazon Wish List](#). These items will be stocked at the clinics for patients in need. NCJWSTL volunteers will coordinate and deliver everything to the clinics.

- Please [click here](#) for the NCJWSTL Clinic Wish List.
- Please make sure that NCJWSTL is the shipping address when you place an order (295 N. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141).

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