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THIS WEEKEND - There is Still Time to Register! Leading Through Uncertainty Conference - Save the Date



Save the Date!

March 3 - 5, 2023

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

Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO

Visit

<https://bit.ly/23conference>
or Scan QR to Register Now!



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:

HB 634 - Otherwise known as the "Don't Say Gay" bill, would prohibit any school official (including teachers, counselors and social workers) at a public or charter school from discussing gender identity and other LGBTQ with their students. It is extremely harmful and will put LGBTQ students at greater risk.

This bill will be heard in the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee on



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Wednesday, March 1st at 8:00 AM. Please [click here](#) to contact members of this committee and tell them to vote NO. You can also submit online testimony in opposition of the bill by [clicking here](#).

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 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.

Urge the Senate to Pass the Background Check Expansion Act Now

WE CAN END
GUN VIOLENCE

Just a few months after the horrific massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary, the Senate failed to pass a universal background check bill. Since then, there have been hundreds of mass shootings. **Now, the Senate just introduced a new background check bill** – and we need to make sure this lifesaving legislation advances as soon as possible.

[The Background Check Expansion Act](#) will require background checks for the sale or transfer of all firearms. This requirement extends to all unlicensed sellers, whether they do business online, at gun shows, or out of their home.

97% of Americans support universal background checks, and it's time for Congress to finally move this important legislation forward.

[Click here](#) to urge Senators Hawley and Schmitt to pass the Background Check Expansion Act.

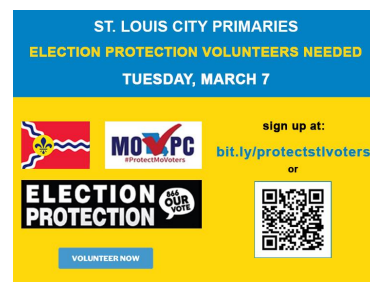
Election Protection Volunteers Needed for St. Louis City Primary

When: Tuesday, March 7
Where: Various Locations
[Sign Up Here](#)

For the March 7th City Primary, the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (of which NCJWSTL is a member) is seeking volunteers at selected polling locations.

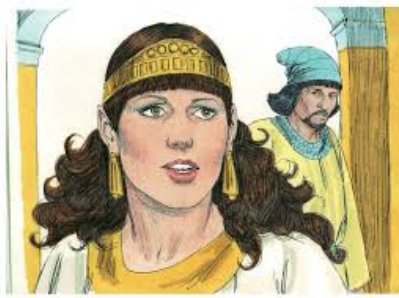
Information about training & supply pickup as well as links to important information about this primary will be sent to the email address you use when you sign up.

Please [click here](#) to review available slots and to sign up. You can select more than one shift!



NCJW Purim: An Intersectional Feminist Celebration

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



Where: Zoom
[RSVP Here](#)

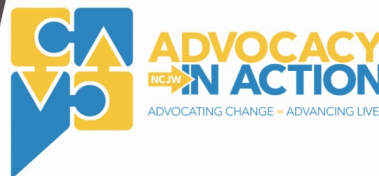
Tellings of the Purim story of Queen Vashti and Queen Esther too often focus on their beauty, dismiss their strength, and limit their agency. And there are other women in the Megillah whose stories we never tell.

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!

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

[RSVP Here](#)

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.

- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
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Interesting Reading



They care about global warming, the state of the economy and the dissolution of U.S. democracy—but according to a recent survey, there is no issue more pressing for young women than how to live in a post-Roe v. Wade America. Young women and some men are reassessing their priorities, moving across the country and sacrificing their career goals, all in the wake of the decision by five conservative Supreme Court justices to allow states like

Missouri to force women into childbirth.

[Click here](#) to read Linda Burstyn's article from Ms. Magazine, "Employers, Take Note—Young Women Are Planning Their Lives Around State Abortion Laws."

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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