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## It's Missouri Legislative Spring Break, But We Still Need You to Urge Your Legislator to Pass a CLEAN Postpartum Medicaid Extension Policy



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ALERT**

Did you know Missouri ranks 44th in maternal mortality in the US? Each year, an average of 61 pregnant people in our state die while pregnant or within 1 year of giving birth. For Black women, that risk is four times that of their white counterparts. These statistics are compounded by the fact that new parents lose their Medicaid

coverage only 60 days after giving birth.

Missouri lawmakers have a chance to change those statistics by passing legislation to extend Medicaid coverage for new parents up to one year postpartum. Unfortunately, some lawmakers have inserted problematic language into the bill targeting people who have had an abortion.

The Missouri House has the opportunity to pass a **clean** postpartum Medicaid extension policy, and we need you to urge your legislators to pass a version that is free of harmful language.

Please [click here](#) to urge your legislators to pass a clean and implementable version of extended postpartum Medicaid coverage.

## THIS WEEK! 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](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org) or call 314.993.5181**

## Reproductive Freedom Lawsuit Webinar

**When:** Tuesday, March 14 | 7:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

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By now, you have likely heard about the lawsuit that several Missouri clergy, alongside Americans United for the Separation of Church and State and The National Women's Law Center, have filed challenging Missouri's draconian abortion ban. The lawsuit seeks a permanent injunction barring the state from enforcing its abortion law and a declaration that provisions of its law violate the Missouri Constitution.

The support for this effort has been incredible, but many would like more information and ways to talk to their friends and family about the lawsuit.

Please join the Missouri Women's Political Caucus and a panel featuring members from multiple faith traditions who will be sharing their viewpoints on the lawsuit and how you can aid in ensuring its success.

Please [click here](#) to register.



**Separation of Church and State & Reproductive Freedom**

**March 14**  
VIRTUAL EVENT

NETWORKING 6:30pm  
PANEL DISCUSSION 7:00pm

Learn more and register today!  
[WWW.MOWPC.ORG](http://WWW.MOWPC.ORG)

Missouri Women's Political Caucus

## Kaffe with Kalela March Meet Up: What's Next for Israel's Democracy Crisis?

**When:** Wednesday, March 15 | 11:00 AM CT

**Where:** Zoom

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Join NCJW Israel Program Manager Kalela Lancaster for a virtual meet up in the Kaffe with Kalela series. This month, as the Israeli government continues to push through its judicial overhaul legislation, violence flares up in the West Bank, and protests swell in numbers and intensify in tactics, Kalela will chat with Esther Solomon, Editor-in-Chief of the Haaretz English Edition. A veteran analyst and journalist, Esther will share her thoughts about what might be coming next and what she feels could set the country on a better path.

Please [click here](#) to register for what will be an insightful program.

## 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.

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## Interesting Reading



Most schoolteachers in the United States are women, but few superintendents are. Although women make up 76% of K-12 teachers in the U.S., they are just 54% of principals, and only 24% of superintendents, according to federal data and a survey done by AASA, the School Superintendents Association. But several initiatives are underway that are designed to improve these numbers by creating opportunities for women educators obtain top positions.

[Click here](#) to read Megan McGibney's article from the Women's Media Center, "Most Teachers Are Women. Why Are

*There So Few Women Superintendents?"*

***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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