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July Lunch & Learn - Domestic Violence and the Court Watch Project with Carla Maley



Thursday, July 20, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Carla Maley

When: Thursday, July 20 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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Intimate partner violence, sexual assault, harassment, and stalking affect millions of Americans. On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million individuals. It can happen to anyone regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age and socioeconomic background.

For our July *Lunch & Learn*, we are excited to welcome Carla Maley of St. Martha's Hall, a domestic violence shelter and longtime NCJWSTL coalition partner. Carla will not only speak to us about recognizing signs of abuse, how to direct survivors to resources and how else to help, she will also talk about the Court Watch Project.

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. It's an entirely community based program that has made a profound difference in people's lives.

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

Behind the Bench: How State Court Judges are Selected



When: Tuesday, July 25 | 1:30 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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As the public has become increasingly interested in state courts, more people are examining judicial elections, but few are aware of how many judges are initially placed on the bench, even in open election states. This webinar will address the following

questions: How do judicial nominating commissions (JNC) function? How are members of JNCs selected? Are they trained? How do they vet people who are interested in being judges? How transparent is the vetting process?

Russ Feingold, former US Senator from Wisconsin and current President of the American Constitution Society, will kick off the conversation.

Please [click here](#) to register for this important webinar.

Tell to Congress to Pass the Abortion Justice Act

Throughout our history, NCJW has worked to advance reproductive freedom to ensure everyone can make their own faith-informed decisions about their bodies, lives and futures. Yet even before Roe was overturned last year, abortion care was not accessible to many, especially people of color, young people, LGBTQ+ people, and individuals with disabilities.



[The Abortion Justice Act](#) would change the status quo by affirming bodily autonomy and providing enhanced resources and protections for abortion care across the nation. It is time for this historic, intersectional legislative response that removes systemic barriers to abortion care and affirms access regardless of zip code, income, immigration status or background.

Please [click here](#) to urge your members of congress to pass the Abortion Justice Act.

Urge Your Lawmakers to Pass the Dream and Promise Act



The Torah teaches us to welcome the stranger, for once we were strangers in the land of Egypt. That is why NCJW supports protecting immigrant youth, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) recipients as the first step toward a pathway to citizenship for all 11 million undocumented people living in the United States.

[The Dream and Promise Act of 2023 \(HR16\)](#) would do just that by establishing a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers — those who came to the United States in their youth and know the United States as their home — and individuals with TPS and DED, many of whom have contributed to this country for decades. The bill would create a permanent resident status for 10 years for Dreamers, grant individuals with TPS or DED a full lawful permanent resident status, and establish protections for Dreamers and immigrant families during their application for equal and fair citizenship. It is time to help the Dreamers as well as TPS and DED holders who are a part of our communities and vital to the economic strength of our nation.

[Click here](#) to urge Congress to pass the Dream and Justice Act.

Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!

NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with the [Missouri Family Health Council](#) (MFHC) to distribute **FREE emergency contraception kits!** This effort is vitally important in the wake of last year's Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe vs. Wade*, especially in states like Missouri where abortion is illegal. Everyone should have the right to determine when and if they wish to start a family, and emergency contraception is vital in preventing unwanted pregnancies.



Also known as the morning-after pill, or by the brand name Plan B, the emergency contraception pill is an over-the-counter form of birth control that can be taken up to five days after unprotected sex to avoid pregnancy. The goal of this effort is to reduce geographic and financial barriers Missourians face in accessing emergency contraception pills.

While supplies last, MFHC, NCJWSTL and other partner organizations are offering free EC kits to anyone of any age. **Feel free to stop by the NCJWSTL office to pick up your kit - for you or a loved one.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org. You can also order an emergency contraception kit by mail by [clicking here](#).

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. **Get your donation in this week to be in our next ad!**

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



The Supreme Court issued a ruling on June 27 in *Counterman v. Colorado*, holding that a speaker's subjective intention must be considered when determining whether speech is a "true threat" and thus punishable notwithstanding the First Amendment. The decision requires that a speaker must have been aware of the "threatening character" of the speech but delivered it anyway, and was thus reckless in their

actions. The holding will limit protections for victims of stalking, verbal abuse and online harassment and increase the burden on prosecutors who must now provide evidence of the speaker's state of mind.

[Click here](#) to read Michelle Onello's article from Ms. Magazine, "Supreme Court Decision on Reckless Speech Will Cost Victims of Stalking and Harassment."

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