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TOMORROW! 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 Congress to Protect Reproductive Health Data

Take action:
**Strengthen digital
privacy for reproductive
health care data**
TELL CONGRESS TO PASS
THE MY BODY, MY DATA ACT



National Council of Jewish Women

Since the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the consequences of apps and websites collecting and storing our personal reproductive health information has skyrocketed. This includes location data, search histories, and reproductive health data collected by period tracking and other health apps.

Currently, few federal protections exist to prevent personal reproductive health information from being collected, retained, or disclosed to

third parties. With attacks on abortion access increasing, we need urgent action to strengthen digital privacy. The [My Body, My Data Act](#), introduced by Representative Sara Jacobs (D-CA), would create a new national standard to protect personal reproductive health data. Our laws must ensure that everyone can access the health care they need without fear, stigma or shame.

Please [click here](#) to tell Congress to strengthen digital privacy for reproductive healthcare data.

Stand with UPS Teamsters by Signing the Jobs with Justice Solidarity Pledge

Negotiations will resume this week between UPS and the Teamsters union (IBT), which represents 340,000 UPS workers, ahead of a looming nationwide strike. This will be the first time the two sides have met since they walked away from the table following a marathon negotiating session over the July 4th weekend.

Time is ticking for UPS to deliver a **fair contract** for the 340,000 Teamsters. This fight is bigger than just UPS. As one of the largest employers in the country, a successful Teamster contract will help shape the power of collective bargaining and worker organizing nationwide for generations.

Please [click here](#) to tell UPS to deliver a fair contract for their 350,000 IBT UPS workers.



August Lunch & Learn: Toxic Insurance Practices with Kevin Hawkins from Jobs With Justice



Thursday, August 17, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Kevin Hawkins

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Where: Zoom

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You buy insurance for one reason – protection. You pay premiums in exchange for the promise that your insurance company will protect you. Insurance companies have built marketing campaigns around one goal – getting customers to trust them to fulfill this promise.

What happens when insurance companies fail to fulfill their promise? To answer this question and speak about toxic insurance practices, we are thrilled to welcome **Kevin Hawkins** from *Missouri Jobs With Justice* for our August Lunch & Learn.

Kevin has more than 20 years of practical experience working throughout the St. Louis region working with many organizations including St. Louis City Department of Health, Washington University, Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region, Places for People, and BJC Behavioral Health. He is a graduate of Ladue High School and Fontbonne University.

Tell us What's on Your Mind!

As NCJWSTL focuses on our **mission** to improve the lives of women, children, and families in our community, we need your insights. We are considering launching a new initiative targeted at serving working mothers. This survey is open to all. Please help us understand our community's strengths, areas for improvement, and your experiences with local resources by participating in our brief survey.



Please take the survey [linked here](#) by Tuesday, August 15.

Your valuable input will shape our initiatives and collaborations, and inform potential new efforts.

We know you're time is limited -- the survey will take just 5-10 minutes to complete.

We love hearing and standing beside you to make sure your voice is heard so together we can continue making a difference.

NCWJSTL New Initiative Survey

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.

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.
- **\$72** makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color

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Interesting Reading



Last Wednesday, a Texas district court judge heard the first day of arguments for *Zurawski v. State of Texas*, a landmark case that seeks to clarify a dangerously confusing exception to the state’s archaic abortion laws. The suit is brought forth by 13 Texas women who say they almost died from life-threatening pregnancy-related complications and were still unable to get emergency abortion care, even though the state’s abortion bans include a hypothetical exception for such

cases. Health care providers in violation of Texas’ laws face the threat of life in prison, a \$100,000 fine, and loss of their medical license.

[Click here](#) to read Kylie Cheung's article from Jezebel, "Texas Women Begin Heartbreaking Testimony in Case Against State Abortion Bans."

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