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The 2026 Missouri Legislature is in session. At NCJWSTL, we are dedicated to tracking these legislative developments closely, focusing on bills that align with our mission of improving the lives of women, children and families.

Please [click here](#) to view the bills NCJWSTL is following and whether we are in support or in opposition. The list will be continuously updated throughout session.

Emergency Legislative Town Hall with Jobs With Justice



When: Thursday, March 12 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Where: Parkway United Church of Christ | 2841 N Ballas Rd, Saint Louis, MO 63131

[RSVP Here](#)

The Missouri Legislature is currently on Spring Break, and this is the perfect time for Missourians to fight back against politicians who have shown they care more about corporate welfare than the welfare and will of the people.

Across Missouri, politicians have stripped away paid sick days, frozen the minimum wage, attacked the initiative petition process, and pushed policies that put corporate interests ahead of working families. Now they want to raise taxes on everyday Missourians while the wealthy get richer.

Join us to learn what's happening in Jefferson City, ask questions, and demand a state budget that respects the will of the people and invests in our future.

Please [click here](#) to register.

Meet St. Louis's Judicial Trailblazers

When: Thursday, March 19 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM



Where: 10 North Tucker, 13th Floor

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Join the Law Library Association of St. Louis for a special panel discussion featuring several of the trailblazing women honored in the [Judicial Legacy Project](#) exhibit. This conversation will explore the history, impact, and legacy of women serving on the bench in the St. Louis region, offering insight into their experiences and the path they helped forge for future generations.

Moderated by Judge Nicole Colbert-Botchway and co-sponsored by the Women Lawyers Association of Greater St. Louis, the panel will include Hon. Evelyn Baker, Hon. Anne-Marie Clarke, Hon. Mary Kay Hoff, and Hon. Lisa Van Amburg.

Please [click here](#) to register. Check-in is at 5:30 PM. Program runs from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Followed by a social event from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. Qualifies for 1.2 MO Bar Ethics CLE credits.

Tell Congress: No More Funding for ICE Violence

Masked federal agents are sweeping through Minneapolis and cities across the country with impunity - terrorizing communities, tearing families apart, and escalating a campaign of state violence that is openly claiming lives on American streets.

In 2026 alone, immigration enforcement agents killed legal observers Renee Good and Alex Pretti. And in recent months, ICE agents have also murdered Silverio Villegas-Gonzalez, Marimar Martinez, and Keith Porter.

These are not isolated tragedies. They are part of a disturbing and deadly pattern - the predictable result of an agency operating without restraint, accountability, or regard for human life, while Congress looks on.

The Torah commands us, "Lo ta'amod al dam re'echa: you shall not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor." We must raise our voices - Jewishly, loudly, and immediately - as there is no time to waste. Lives are on the line.

Funding ICE now is not business as usual. It is a choice to allow this violence to continue.

[Click here](#) to tell Congress: Vote NO on any spending bill that includes funding for ICE.



Volunteers Needed to Help Keep Abortion Legal in MO



We're beginning to organize around a critical issue: **protecting abortion rights in Missouri**. You may have heard that the Missouri Legislature is bringing abortion rights back to the ballot under the same name, **Amendment 3**. We anticipate a strong misinformation campaign from the opposition, and we need to be strategic in order to fight it. Although the new measure likely won't appear on the ballot until August or November 2026, [now is the time to act](#).

We are looking for volunteers to work the polls, knock on doors, educate our communities, and notarize absentee ballots. If you're interested in getting involved, please [click here](#) to sign up. **It's going to take all of us.**

For any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

ADD YOUR NAME and Help Us Oppose Censorship of Our Public Libraries

Protect the First Amendment! Join the Right to Read Coalition

Support Missouri's Libraries! Join the Right to Read Coalition by [clicking here](#).

Right to Read is a statewide coalition of 1,200 individuals and nearly 100 organizations. NCJWSTL is a founding coalition member.

- Censorship denies our First Amendment rights to access books that reflect our diverse community.
- Missouri laws and policies have led to book bans and harmful regulations on our libraries.
- President Trump's Executive Order threatens to eliminate \$3 million of Federal funds for Missouri's libraries.

Get the latest information at [MO Right to Read – Supporting Missouri's Libraries](#).



Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!



NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with [Beacon Reproductive Health Network](#) 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, Beacon Reproductive Health Network, 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.

Take Action & Join the A-List

Now more than ever you will want to ensure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2026! 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 2026.

- **\$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



A new threat to abortion rights is emerging nationwide: the ability of private citizens to sue over out-of-state abortion care. Jerry Rodriguez, a Texas citizen, has sued Remy Coeytaux, a doctor who practices in California, for prescribing abortion pills to Rodriguez's girlfriend on two separate occasions. While this lawsuit may be the first of its kind, it reflects a broader pattern of attempts to control women's bodies even across state lines.

[Click here](#) to read Meghan Lord's article from the Feminist Majority Foundation, "Shield Laws vs. Vigilante Lawsuits: The New Abortion Battleground."

Not yet a member of NCJWSTL? [Click here](#) to become part of a growing network of courageous and compassionate individuals who improve the lives of women, children, and families every day. You don't have to be a woman or Jewish to join!

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