

State Courts and Abortion Toolkit

In preparation for the Dobbs v. JWHO decision this summer, this toolkit has graphics and talking points to educate Wisconsinites on the importance of fair courts, the 1849 abortion law and the connection between state courts the abortion access.

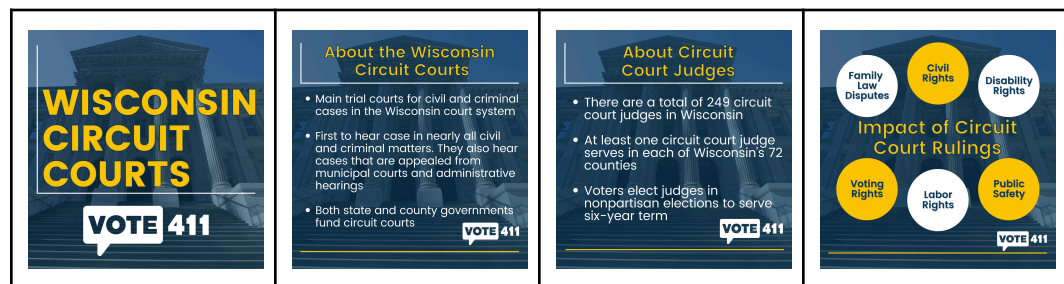
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Fact Sheets

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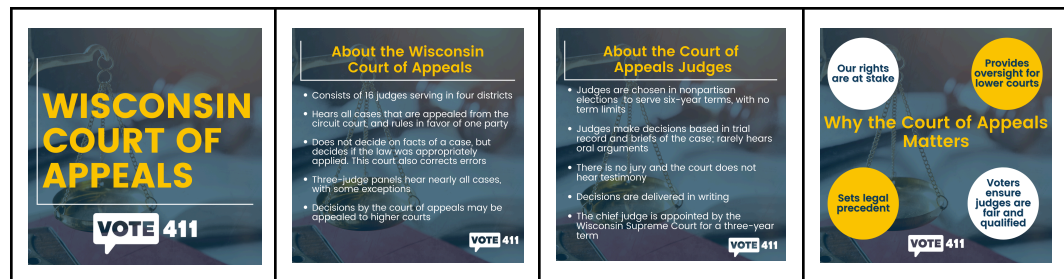
Social Media Graphics

- **Wisconsin Circuit Court Social Media (4 images)**
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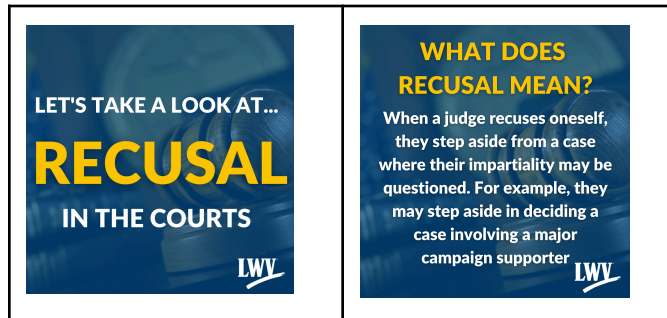


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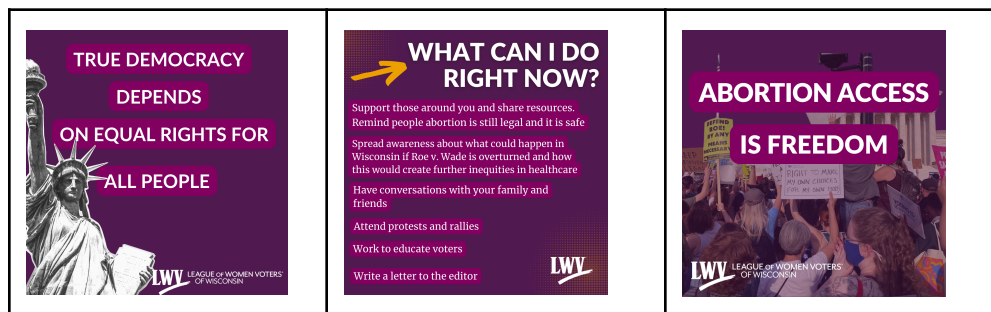


- [Recusal in Wisconsin](#) (6 images)



- [Abortion in Wisconsin](#) (14 images)

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Online Webinars

1. [Understanding Wisconsin's Courts and Judicial Elections](#)
 - a. This webinar is an introduction to the structure and function of Wisconsin's courts, and the importance of voting and engaging in judicial elections.
 - b. Features UW-Whitewater Prof. Jolly Emrey and retired Judge Paul Higginbotham
2. [What's Undermining Our Courts?](#)
 - a. This webinar takes a look at how money and weak recusal rules are undermining our courts.
 - b. Features Marquette Prof. Edward Fallon, Lisa Graves from True North Research and Jay Heck from Common Cause.
3. [Racial Discrepancies in Sentencing and Representation](#)
 - a. This webinar features a discussion on racial disparities in both sentencing as well as representation on the bench and in our law schools.

- b. Features Jerome Dillard from EXPO, UW-Madison Prof. Pamela Oliver, and Marquette law students, Ali Mahmood and Wendy Hoang.

Talking Points and Captions

- ***Reminder*** On Twitter, make the wording your own to [keep from being flagged for spam](#)
- **From League of Women Voters U.S.**
 - Abortion is still legal nationwide.
 - This is a very scary time for women and all people who may become pregnant.
 - For anyone who experiences pregnancy, our basic freedoms depend on our ability to control our reproductive health.
 - Our reproductive choices impact our physical and psychological wellbeing, including the foods we eat, our financial resources, and our capacity to gain and maintain employment.
 - Not only is the right to a safe and legal abortion a matter of personal freedom, but it's also a major factor in the movements for racial and economic equality. Black women and all underserved communities already experience unfair barriers and limited access to adequate health care services.
 - Generations before us have fought tirelessly to gain and protect the rights we have today. We will not back down. We are in a fight to make sure everyone has the power to control their own bodies, lives, and futures.
 - True democracy depends on equal rights for all people. Losing our right to reproductive choice would open the door to the loss of other freedoms like marriage equality, contraception, and gender-affirming care.
- It is critical that we show up and make our voices heard for reproductive choice. Check your voter registration status at myvote.wi.gov.
- We deserve elected officials and judges who believe in our right to privacy and choice. Request your ballots for this fall at myvote.wi.gov
- Abortion is not unpopular. Time and time again politicians ignore the will of Wisconsin voters. Let's get ready to turn out and make our voices heard! Visit myvote.wi.gov to request your ballots for the fall primary and election—it's never too early!
- If SCOTUS fails to protect our right to an abortion, this decision will fall to the states. That's why we need fair state courts that protect our liberties and freedom. Sign up to stay up-to-date: bit.ly/3Lsmch4

- Why is voting in judicial elections important? Key decisions like abortion and voting rights can fall into the hands of state courts.
<https://www.businessinsider.com/abortion-roe-v-wade-state-supreme-court-elections-midterms-2022-5>
- While it's true that state courts have not always lived up to a standard of objectivity, we must continue to strive to improve state courts so they can apply the law impartially and protect our rights and liberties.
- ***Remember*** There are already barriers to abortion access in Wisconsin especially for underserved communities. Highlight the barriers and challenges that already exist.

Other Resources

- Write an LTE to your local paper
 - [Media Relations Training](#) from LWVWI, Wisconsin Democracy Campaign and Wisconsin Conservation Voters. Learn how to write a quick yet effective letter to the editor.
- [LWVWI Fair Courts Sign-Up](#)
- [Abortion in Wisconsin LWVWI Webpage](#)
- [“1849, Yikes!” from Wisconsin Democracy Campaign](#)
- [Judicial Recusal in Wisconsin \(video series\) from Common Cause Wisconsin](#)
- [Bans off Our Bodies—find an event and action](#)