



Reclaiming Our Power
for Radical Change

State Courts On the Power Map: Action Checklist & Resources

State Courts on the Power Map addresses the critical need to understand and navigate courts at the state level as key decision-makers in our collective fight to win racial, gender, and reproductive justice as we work to achieve our long-term vision of achieving a multi-racial democracy free from systems of oppression.

Get to Know Your State Courts & the Political Landscape

☐ Your State Constitution

- What protections are already in place for rights extending beyond access to abortion care?
- Where do rights need to be strengthened?

☐ Your State Supreme Court:

- Who sits on the bench?
- How have they decided on major cases?
- [How are justices selected?](#)
- [How are justices evaluated?](#)

☐ Your State Landscape:

- Are organizations already working on the ground to strengthen and diversify the courts? Who are they and what do they stand for?
- Who are the opponents of democracy on the ground who are working to undermine the courts?
- Are there cases moving forward in the courts on abortion access, gender justice, redistricting, voting rights, and/or other issues?
- Are there ballot initiatives moving forward to expand or eliminate constitutional rights by amending your state constitution or undermining the power of the courts?
- Is there legislation moving forward to expand or eliminate rights in your state constitution?

Identify Opportunities & Challenges

☐ **Judicial Elections:**

- Do you have judicial elections coming up in 2026?
- Who are the candidates?
- What do they stand for?
- Are judicial candidates who stand for democracy under attack by the Right?

☐ **Legislation moving forward:**

- Are there bills moving forward to undermine the power of the courts?
- Are there bills moving forward to strengthen and diversify the courts?

Take Action: Ways to get State Courts on the Power Map

☐ **Engage your community**

[SCPM State Courts Movement Messaging Guide](#)

☐ **Vote in Judicial Elections**

[Engage in judicial elections if you have them in your state](#)

☐ **Get Involved**

Get involved in legislative campaigns to protect, strengthen and diversity the courts

☐ **Support Diversity in the Courts**

Cultivate judicial candidates who reflect the communities they serve and stand for justice