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LWVUS LITIGATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Introducing the LWVUS Legal Center



Housekeeping

- All trainings are recorded to keep accurate notes and to share with attendees and others after the call.
- If you are not speaking, please mute yourself to minimize sound issues.
- Make sure you identify yourself (name, League, State & pronouns) when asking questions
- Staff will be monitoring the chat box.** If you have any questions or thoughts throughout the call, please feel free to drop them in the chat box.

Community Norms



Bring your full self and limit distractions



What is learned here, leaves here



No one knows everything, together we know a lot



Don't yuck my yum



Oops, ouch, and educate



Assume best intentions

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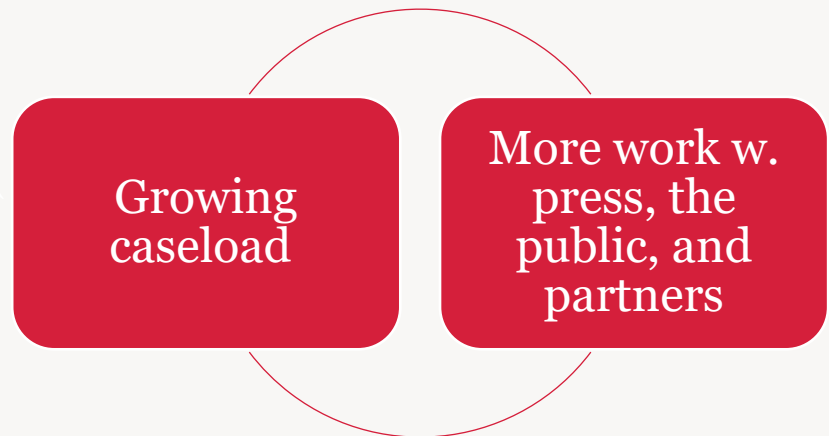
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Legal Center: Purpose and Why Now

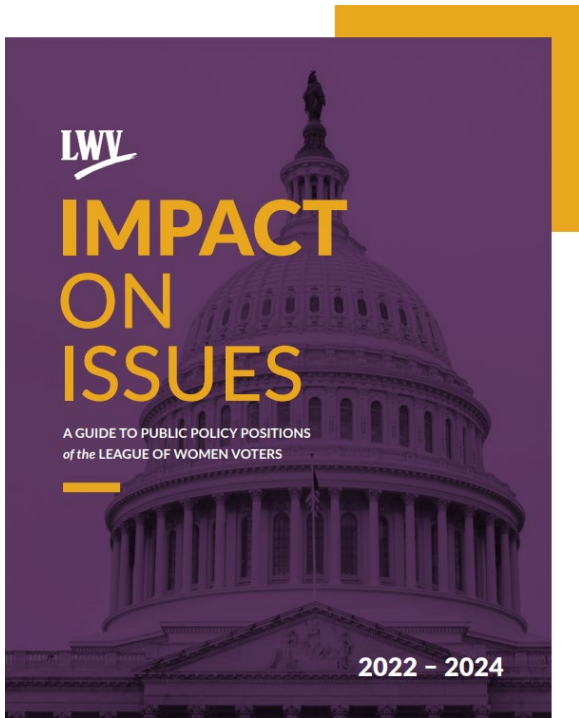
PURPOSE OF THE LEGAL CENTER?

- Creating a one stop shop for our litigation-related content
- Demonstrating our defense of democracy through the courts
- Tracking trends in our case load
- We want to continue speaking with one voice as a League

WHY NOW?



Legal Center: History and Background



- All action, whether litigation or advocacy, must be grounded in an authority to act.
- Authorized action originates from our policy positions or Impact on Issues
- Actions must align with agreed convention program (e.g., Making Democracy Work campaign and watchlist)

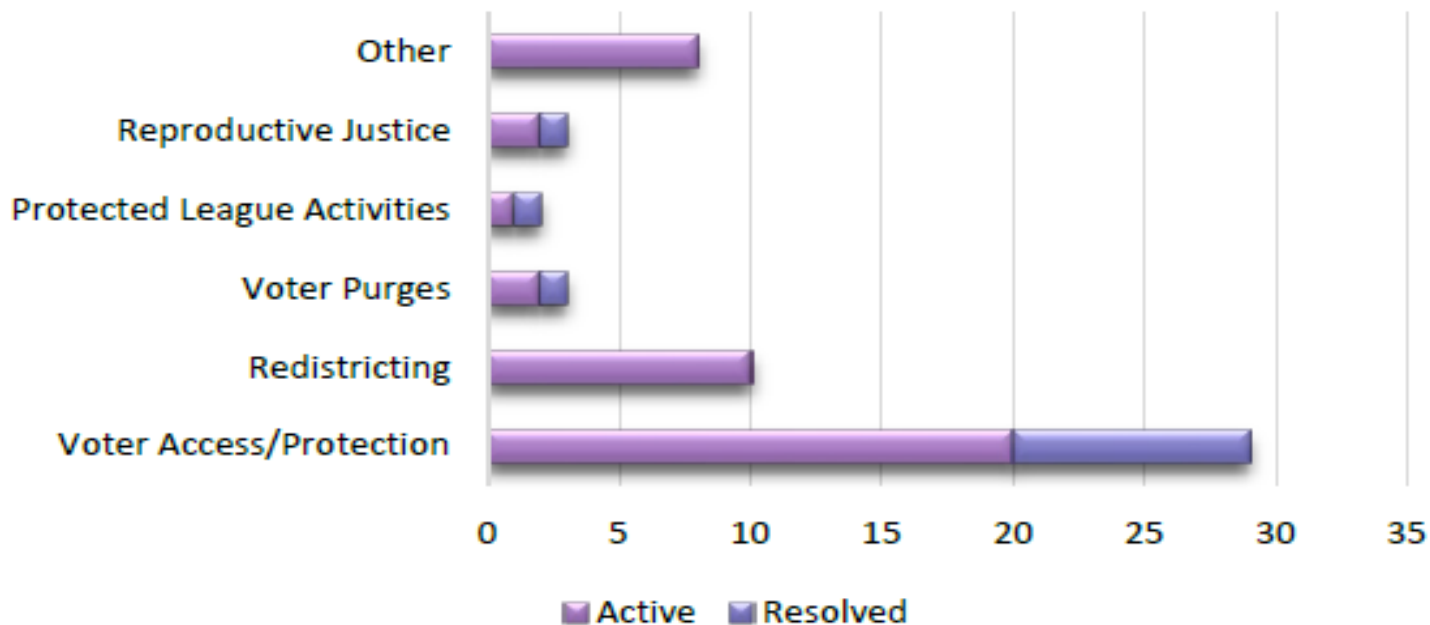
POLL!

Poll: How does your League publicize and track current and past litigation? (Can pick more than one)

- Press releases
- Emails to League members
- Posting announcements and court filings on the local/state League website
- Posting filings on legal partners' websites
- Other (specify in the chat)

Main Areas of Litigation

Legal Advocacy Issues



Current Legal Center Content

Supreme Court cases for FY 22

Landmark Supreme Court cases involving
the League

All active federal cases

All active state cases

Future Content of the Legal Center

FEDERAL CASES

Cases closed in FY 21- 22



Cases closed in FY 20 (with a focus on COVID-related cases)



Historic landmark voting rights and abortion cases (pre-2000) involving the League

STATE COURT CASES

- Cases closed in FY 21 and FY 22
- Cases closed in FY 20 (with a focus on COVID-related cases)
- Landmark state supreme court cases on redistricting involving the League after 2010
- Landmark state supreme court cases on abortion rights involving the League

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE CONTENT?



POLL!

Question: Have you visited the Legal Center?

- Not yet, still unsure what it is.
- Not yet, but excited to do so!
- Yes, but I was confused!
- Yes, and I loved it!

NAVIGATING THE LEGAL CENTER

A blue-tinted graphic featuring a background image of a classical building with columns and a dome. In the upper left, there is a circular seal with the text "WOMEN VOTERS" and "LWW".

The League of Women Voters

LEGAL CENTER

Litigation empowers our fight for the issues that matter most to communities: protecting the right to vote, promoting fair and accessible elections, ending big-money corruption, and reinforcing the dignity that people across the country deserve.

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Legal Center Update Process

FEDERAL CASES

- LWVUS will update federal cases with important filings that affect the case

STATE CASES

- Please send the complaint and state/local League press release to litigation@lwg.org or your litigation contact.
- Please send us filings as they are filed or just before.
- Helps us help you track, report, promote!

How can the Legal Center help your League's communications?

State and local Leagues can link to the Legal Center case summaries in press releases and materials

Press can be directed to the case summary if they ask for more information

Aggregating the case filings, summaries and timelines makes it easier for the public and members to learn about a case, follow its progress, and see the context surrounding it

QUESTIONS?

**SUGGESTIONS FOR
NEW FEATURES?**



THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

- We will send a follow-up email with slides and recording. Please share with other League members.
- Got further questions? Send us an email at litigation@lwv.org.
- For questions on press releases and comms team support, please email communications@lwv.org

