

GEAR UP!

A Fair Courts Toolkit for Everyday Advocates



Fellow Friends of Fair Courts:

A fair and impartial court system is essential to protecting our civil rights and is a key component of our democracy. By upholding the federal and state constitutions and other laws, America's courts provide all people access to justice and are entrusted with safeguarding everyone's civil rights.

But recently the courts have come under attack. Some politicians and extremist organizations are threatening the very system our country was founded upon. They are questioning the courts' authority to decide civil rights issues like LGBT rights and are trying to insert their political beliefs into the judicial system. And judges ruling in favor of fairness have been threatened with impeachment and other types of intimidation.

We all need to stand up against this blatant attack on our democracy. To help, Lambda Legal has developed this toolkit so advocates like you can get informed, and to provide a simple training to your community. The toolkit's basic message is that in order to protect our fair court system, everyone must be involved. In this toolkit, SuperJudge gears up to become an Everyday Advocate like yourself. So, gear up, get informed, get trained and get inspired to make a difference!

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- 1. Read through these inserts
- 2. Follow the checklists of To-Dos to be sure you are informed and prepared
- 3. Take the action steps suggested
- **4.** Set up a training at your school, place of worship, community center or other appropriate venue
- Report back let Lambda Legal know how your training went

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