



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®] OF FLORIDA

ATTENTION--Editors and Reporters Call-in News Conference:

*LWVF, national experts discuss pending legislation that would threaten
Florida's merit-based judicial nominating process*

Florida voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposed constitutional amendment last November which would have added another layer of political influence to the appointment of Supreme Court justices and appellate court judges in our state. However, the League of Women Voters of Florida (LWVF) is concerned that the past election has not ended efforts to politicize what is intended to be a non-partisan system for judicial appointments based solely on merit.

On Wednesday, March 27 at 10:30 AM, LWVF will host a media conference call to discuss concerns about proposed legislation that would further erode Judicial Nominating Commissions and eliminate remaining protections against appointment of judges based on political rather than legal qualifications.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 27 at 10:30 AM EST

WHO:

Peter Webster, Immediate Past President of the American Judicature Society (AJS), former Judge on Florida's First District Court of Appeal

J. Adam Skaggs, Senior Counsel, Democracy Program, Brennan Center for Justice, NYU School of Law

Deirdre Macnab, President of the League of Women Voters of Florida, will moderate.

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